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ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR. WASHINGTON AND PARTY

TO MAKE TOUR OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Chief Musician Thompson is Transferred—A New Monthly Journal—Miss N. H. Burroughs Makes Address.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17.—The arrangements for the tour of the Booker T. Washington party through South Carolina have been practically completed. A letter from Mr. W. T. Andrews, of Sumter, S. C., who in conjunction with Rev. Richard Carroll, of Columbia, is in charge of the details, states that the itinerary, as far as agreed upon, includes Rock Hill, Columbia, Denmark, Orangeburg, Sumter, Florence, Georgetown, Anderson, Greenville, Gaffney, and Charleston. The party plans to start from Charlotte, N. C., or Rock Hill, S. C., on the 14th of March, and close probably at Charleston on the 22d.

The "foreigners" included in the list of invited guests will be: Messrs. Whitfield McKinlay and R. W. Thompson, of Washington, D. C.; Messrs. Emmett J. Scott and Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee, Ala.; Dr. R. E. Park, of Boston, Mass.; Mr. Charles Stewart, of Chicago; Dr. C. T. Walker, of Augusta, and Bishop B. F. Lee, of Wilberforce, O. The South Carolinians—unto the manor born—will be Mr. W. T. Andrews, of Sumter; Dr. C. C. Johnson, of Aiken; Dr. J. R. Levy, of Florence; Dr. L. A. Earle, of Anderson; Rev. E. D. White, of Rock Hill; Rev. J. L. Dart and Rev. M. M. Mouzen, of Charleston; Editor C. P. T. White, of the Rock Hill Messenger; Editor C. F. Holmes, of the Orangeburg Recorder; Editor Garrett, of the Columbia Light; Rev. Richard Carroll, manager of the South Carolina Industrial Home, of Columbia. Dr. Washington and others will deliver addresses at the various stops en route. The object of the trip is to stimulate the educational and commercial activities of the Negro people of the State and to emphasize the vast agricultural and mechanical opportunities offered to the Negroes remaining in the South. A similar tour of Mississippi last fall proved to be an eye-opener to both races. The present trip bids fair to be equally successful and informing.

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The ball masque of "The Brownies" is set for March 8, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Mrs. Julia A. Tatem is president of this organization.

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While the First Colored Baptist Church at Mt. Ranier was burning, a few nights ago, $100 was raised as a nucleus of a fund to rebuild it. This is a practical way for church people to do business.

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Miss Hattie Moss, only sister of Lawyer John A. Moss, died suddenly last Tuesday. Acute indigestion was the cause. The deceased was sixty-two years of age and had been an employe of the Botanic Garden for more than eighteen years.

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The Woman's Guild of St. Luke's P. E. Church will serve a dinner on inauguration day, beginning at 12 m. and continuing until 12 p. m. All visitors to the city are invited to take dinner with the ladies in the main hall of the True Reformers' building, corner of Twelfth and U streets, Northwest.

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Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, spoke on "Lincoln" Sunday evening at the regular vesper service of St. Mary's P. E. Church. There was a special choral service under the direction of H. H. Freeman, and Charles Horton, the boy soprano of St. John's P. E. Church, rendered several selections.

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Mrs. Levi P. Morton, wife of former Vice President Morton, of New York, has purchased a large lot on the east side of 16th street, between L and M streets, and will erect thereon a magnificent mansion. It is an highly unique circumstance that immediately opposite is the handsome home of former Tax Collector John F. Cook, the wealthiest colored man in the nation's capital.

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Attorney L. G. Gregory has returned from a prospecting tour of the middle west, covering Topeka, Kan., Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago. He was greatly impressed by the enterprise, business development and substantial growth of the colored people of that vast section. Mr. Gregory thinks there is a fine opportunity for well equipped lawyers of the race between the Alleghenies and the Rockies, and he may locate in the West by and by for the practice of his profession.

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A detachment of trumpeters of the 9th Cavalry are on their way here from the Philippines to take part in the inaugural ceremonies. They are expected about March 1 and as their fame has preceded them they will prove an attractive feature of the grand pageant. Preparations are being made to entertain on an elaborate scale Mr. Walter I. Loving, leader of the Philippine Constabulary Band. He is a native of Washington and has a host of friends here.

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The following order has been issued by the War Department, under date of February 6:

"Chief Musician Wilfred O. Thompson, bandmaster of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, Madison Barracks, New York, is transferred to the band of the Eighteenth Infantry. He will be sent to the Presidio, of San Francisco, Cal., reporting upon arrival to the commanding officer, who will send him on the first available transport to Manila, Philippine Islands. Upon arrival at Manila, he will be sent to the station of the organization to which he is transferred, with orders to report to the commanding officer for duty."

Thus is another vacancy created in the post of bandmaster of the colored regiments, making the last of the four which the President has ordered to be supplied with Negro chief musicians. The leaven prepared by Secretary Emmett J. Scott has about completed its wholesome work on the army bandmaster lump.

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A monthly journal in the interest of the local Business League is to be launched at an early date. It is to be called the Negro Business League Herald, and the promoters of the venture are Messrs. W. Sidney Pittman, president of the local league; R. L. Pendleton, the well-known printer, and George F. Collins, corresponding secretary of the organization. The new paper will be welcomed by the five hundred colored business men of the city, who have not had heretofore a medium through which their enterprises could be brought before the public.

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Miss Georgia A. Fields, of Cleveland, a soprano of national repute, is announced for a grand concert to be given at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church on the evening of March 3, under the direction of Mr. F. D. Lee and Dr. James T. Walker, leader of the church choir. Miss Fields will be supported by Mme. Anna Lee Slade, vocalist; Mr. Nathaniel L. Guy, with Miss Mary L. Europe and Mrs. Lena Ware as accompanists. On the same evening Mr. Richard B. Harrison, dramatic reader an dimpersonator, who made such a distinct impression here a few weeks ago, will reappear in a special recital at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, who is here in the interest of the National Training School for Girls, projected by the Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, addressed the pupils of the M Street High School last Thursday, spoke before the Christian Endeavor Society of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Sunday at 6 p. m., and talked to a packed house Wednesday night, at Shiloh Baptist Church. On next Tuesday evening she will appear before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. Miss Burroughs expects to have her institution in action not later than September, and a goodly attendance is already assured for the opening.

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Financial Secretary Henry P. Slaughter is in daily receipt of many inquiries concerning the grand reception of the Inaugural Welcome Club, which is to be held at Convention Hall on the evening of March 5. Over two thousand tickets of admission have already been disposed of, and from present indications there will be a "capacity" attendance. Convention Hall will accommodate 8,000 or more persons, but those who wait until the last moment are taking desperate chances on getting floor space. All of the committees are hard at work, and the function promises to be the finest ever held in the District. Reservations are being made for people of the best quality in every section of the country.

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It is being reported that unauthorized colored men have been collecting or attempting to collect money from members of Congress and from generously inclined merchants and political leaders to defray the expenses of alleged celebrations of Lincoln's birthday, and a sharp watch is to be kept upon them to prevent them from preying upon our liberal white friends for additional funds ostensibly to hold emancipation celebrations, which occur March 16 in the District. The self-respecting colored citizens consider this sort of thing a species of blackmail, and that to tolerate it in silence is to discredit the whole race. They are declaring that the people who authorize celebrations in honor of the man who led in the work of emancipating the Negro are ready, able and willing to go down into their pockets and pay all legitmate expenses. They do not think it dignified nor proper to ask white men to contribute money for a purpose of this kind, and they are publicly repudiating the begging proclivities of a class of would-be smart men, whom they pronounce as idlers of the most demoralizing type. They say it is but just to well-meaning white friends to do all that is possible to protect them from these imposters, and a warning is to be issued from the pulpits that drastic methods will be resorted to to stop the practice, if evidences of its continuance are discovered.

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The administration is making earnest efforts to push through Congress the measure appropriating $20,000 for the expenses of a commission to go to Liberia to examine conditions there and to make recommendations as to what specific action on the part of the United States government is desirable that will most aptly render effective relief to that republic under the present critical circumstances. The President and Secretary Root have already transmitted the papers describing the situation, as far as their information goes, and Assistant Secretary of State Laughlin has sent in additional reasons why the appropriation for the commission's work should be immediately provided. It is the wish of the State Department that the commission be able to start for Liberia before the rainy season sets in, as the poor roads, unhealthy climate and inadequate transportation facilities will make bad conditions worse and hamper their labors greatly. It is feared that if action is not promptly taken, Liberia may not be able to much longer sustain herself, and this government confesses an anxiety to help the infant republic to the success that would tend to encourage all of the poorer powers to stand firmly upon their own feet. Liberia has rich natural resources, but no money to develop them. The impression created last year upon President Roosevelt by the Liberian envoys was most favorable, and their representations carried much weight with him. An American gunboat is in waters near by Monrovia, as a protective measure, and it is hinted that France, Germany and England have had a private tip that any overt demonstration inimical to the welfare of Liberia will not be pleasing to this country. If the commission is ordered, the presumption is that it will be made up of prominent men of both races who know something of commerce, agriculture and industrial possibilities. Certain names are already being canvassed in this connection.

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The splendid organization worked out for the country by the sub-committee on public comfort is evoking much warm praise at the hands of Chairman Weller, of the general committee, and the people at large are pleased with the completeness of the plans adopted to insure their being safely cared for when they come on for the inauguration. The system now being carried out by sub-Chairman Daniel Murray calls for the appointment of a chairman of local committees in 250 cities. Each of these chairmen name ten associates, making a total of 2,700 persons actively engaged in promoting the success of the arrangements for the inaugural visitors. Adding to this number the fifty Washingtonians already mentioned, an army of 2,750 is marshaled in solid phalanx for the work, with every section of the country brought into close communication and sympathetic co-operation. The sneer that is heard in some quarters about "jim crow" committees on public comfort is pretty aptly answered by the comment of a high official of one of the race's leading fraternal organizations. Said he:

"This perpetual wail about 'jim crow' public comfort committees, which the working colored people of this city hear every four years, makes me exceedingly weary. In truth, the term 'jim crow' is being sadly abused, anyhow. As things go in this community, we have separate schools, separate churches, separate lodges, distinctively colored newspapers, colored barber shops, restaurants and public halls patronized exclusively by our race. Are these beneficial institutions necessarily 'jim crow' because they are separate and are designed to meet a special condition? Everybody with a spoonful of brains and a vision as broad as a pinhead knows that the social situation here requires the services of a special subcommittee on public comfort to properly take care of the interests of the colored visitors who will pour in upon us next month. If a colored man writes for suitable accommodations and describes his wants, what white committeeman in town knows where to find the place that is likely to please him? The whites have little knowledge of the social side of the Negro people's life here, and have no conception of the fine shading of selection that a colored man of wide personal acquaintance, both in the city and out, would understand at a glance. The members of the sub-committee know who to send to hotels, who are apt to wish a private house of this grade or that, and what element of our variegated fabric would be most congenial to him. The program has been happily carried out since 1897, and it is in better working order now than ever before, under the experienced men who have been detailed to put it into execution. It is veriest child's play to cavil over such small matters at this period, when time is so precious and the eyes of the Nation are fixed upon us, looking for the dazzling entertainment and cordial hospitality that can come only through unity of action and a spirit of fraternity. While we may not approve of many of the conditions that require special treatment, we are compelled to recognize the fact that they do exist and must be met by the practice of common-sense methods, getting the very best we can out of the materials within our reach."

Will the complainers please cut this out and paste it in their hats for future reference?

GEORGE EMERY TEMPLE.
Grand Secretary of the G. U. O. O. F. of Missouri.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of The Freeman for sale each week at Mrs. G. W. Hume's handsome cafe and Messrs. Jas. Carson and Elmer Williams' tonsorial parlors....W. G. Bush works at the finest jewelry establishment in North Texas....At the hospitable, palatial residence of Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Porter, last Sunday evening, the 14th, a beautiful Valentine party was given by the young ladies. Each one brought costly, handsome Valentines. The prizes won: Miss Myrtle Robinson, first word list, booby; prize word list, Mr. Ed Hawkins; broken heart, Mrs. Emma Williams; pierced heart, Miss C. W. Johnson.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. W. L. McBette is proprietor of one of the largest drug stores in this city... Kid Felts has the best pool room in the city, located in East Trade street.

THE WORK OF GRAND SECRETARY TEMPLE PRAISED.

George Emery Temple, Grand Secretary of the G. U. O. O. F. of Missouri, is coming in for a share of praise for getting out the journal of the proceedings of the D. G. L. No. 8, Missouri jurisdiction. Speaking of his work, the Atlanta *Independent* says:

"Of the thirty-eight jurisdictions in America and their thirty-eight secretaries, Bro. Temple is easily the ideal secretary. In our opinion he is the model for all other D. G. S. in America, and when we say this we are mindful of the fact that we are a D. G. S. too, and many other eminent men as intelligent as we are. But the truth is the light, and George, as he is popularly known throughout America, leads and we must follow."

Speaking of the journal, this publication further says:

"The journal in our possession is a compendium of useful information peculiarly fitted to members of the order. It contains information compiled that we cannot find in any other proceedings of the order. To state the case in a nutshell, the Missouri journal is a little World Almanac."

REGISTER VERNON AT TOPEKA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The House of Representatives of Kansas at Topeka was turned over to the faculty and students of Quindaro College, the Kansas industrial school for Negroes, at Quindaro, one day last week. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury, is president, and to him much of its prominence and prosperity is due.

On this occasion, that of the attention shown the school by the legislators, W. T. Vernon was present and in company with students and faculty gratefully accepted the hospitality. He presided over the exercises, which consisted of singing patriotic and other songs by the choral society, which were received with applause by the appreciative members. At the conclusion of that part of the program, a speech was demanded of President Vernon. He informed the enthusiastic House that other good things were in store for it. The college band then entered with a burst of music, adding greatly to the already animated scene. The band played several pieces; they were loathe to give it up.

The faculty and students came with a purpose to Topeka. In his remarks, Mr. Vernon let the purpose be known. He wanted the members of the Legislature to see what the school was doing, what kind of men and women the school was turning out. In other words, there was a method in it. The school is maintained by the State through the Legislature, and Mr. Vernon wanted to show that the money was not spent in vain. He was modest in his demands, not asking for greater appropriation; he was satisfied at the present allowance, thanked the legislators for it, and hoped it would continue. The speech was in a happy vein and calculated to put the House in an excellent frame of mind. In conclusion Mr. Vernon presented the Speaker of the House, J. N. Dolley, with a gavel made by the boys in the industrial department of the Quindaro school.

In accepting the gavel, Speaker Dolley expressed the opinion that no money appropriation for the education of the colored people at Quindaro had been wasted; that the House was proud of the students who had entertained it, and that the place for the colored people is on the farms of Kansas, where they may have equal advantages with the white farmer.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln was observed here at the churches and clubs, where many hundreds gathered to hear the eulogy of the great emancipator's life and deeds presented by men and women in every walk of life of today. ....The Lasso Club pulled off a few round boxing stunt at their rooms Thursday night, which proved a mirth producer and laugh getter. It was enjoyed by the many there....The two great Jordans are here on their vacation and are the guests of honor at the residence of Mrs. Ferguson on Howard street....The advisory board of the Law and Order League desires it thoroughly understood that it stands for strict enforcement of the law on all persons alike, especially the idlers of both races. They call once more the attention of the chief of police to the loose women of our race and their manner in public places and all other evils....Col. Olmer, of ElPaso, stopped here a few days en route to New Orleans to visit his daughter, who is attending school—Mrs. Bell Nelson entertained at her residence Thursday evening from 8 to 10:30, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Boyd, Mrs. M. Montgomery, the reporter and Mrs. McGriffin, at a sumptuous luncheon of six courses.... Mrs. Taylor, of Waco, was the honored guest of Mr. and Mrs. Averys, on Clark street for two weeks.

NEGROES AT LINCOLN BANQUET.

CLEVELAND, O., Special.—The Lincoln-Douglass banquet of the Attucks Republican Club was held here the night of February 12. One hundred and fifty banqueters were present, including Negro politicians from all parts of the country, educators, men of business and of letters. The address of the evening was delivered by Roscoe Conkling Bruce, formerly director of the academic department of Tuskegee Institute, and now assistant superintendent in charge of the colored schools of Washington, D. C. Mr. Bruce took for his topic "Freedom Through Education."

COLORED PORTER WILLED $10,800; BROTHER $100

Pioneer Saloon Keeper of Kansas City Also Founds Home for Old Men and Orphan Boys.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A bequest of $75,000 for the founding of a home for old men and orphan boys, a legacy of $37,000 to the George H. Nettleton Home of this city and individual gifts of $87,000, including two of $10,800 each to a colored porter, Charles Morton, and a colored housekeeper, Mary Yates, are the chief provisions of the will of Charles Schattner, a pioneer saloon keeper, filed for probate today.

Mr. Schattner's estate is valued at $225,000.

A brother, Frederick Schattner, of St. Louis, received $100.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Max Allen, wel known in this city to many, died at his home in Chicago last Friday. Mr. Allen was employed in the postoffice service of Chicago for a number of years. He is survived by his wife in Chicago, Mr. Louis Allen, his father, Mrs. Wesley Gray, Messrs, A. J. Allen and Geo. Allen, of this city, brothers and sister of the deceased. Messrs. James Allen, Chicago, Will Allen, Warsaw, Ind., Willis Allen, Kansas City, Kan., Mr. Alex. Allen, of Taylorsville, Ky....The meeting at the A. M. E. Church conducted by Rev. Mrs. L. Mason, has been a spiritual blessing to many. She preached at the White Evangelical Church Sunday afternoon and after hearing her three came to the alter and acknowledged they had been convicted through Mrs. Mason's sermons....Mrs. Lady Luckett has returned from Chicago. ....William Allen, of Warsaw, Ind., passed through the city Friday on his way to Chicago to his brother's funeral.... Mr. Willis Allen, of Kansas City, Kan., spent Monday in the city, the guest of his relatives.

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Aquilla Seniors, who has been on the sick list, is improving...Mrs. S. A. Ramsey, who is holding wonderful revival services at Connersville, will arrive home next Monday, accompanied by her mother...The Lincoln folklore concert held at the Second Baptist Church a short time ago was such a success that it will be repeated in two or three weeks...Mrs. Pearl Marshall has gone to her home in Greensburg, Ky., for an indefinite stay...Mrs. Ben Yates of Indianapolis, while visiting the McFarland skating rink of this city, fell and broke her arm...Mrs. Lafayette Estes has gone to Cincinnati to undergo an operation.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

G. L. Wilcox is conducting a business with much trade, catering to fashionable tailoring for men, and making a specialty of ladies' suits.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The work of the Pipe Organ Association of the Pilgrim Baptist Church is going merrily on. Mrs. Nellie Francis, the indefatigable worker, is chairman of a corp of diligent workers which includes such prominent women as Mesdames Minor, Hood, Hart, Carter, Hall, Barksdale and Mr. J. H. Hickman, Sr. There exists a very friendly rivalry between the leaders of the various bands as to which one will bring in the largest amount of money. Rev. W. D. Carter, tne pastor, is a man of a clean character and works hard for the uplift and progress of his members. He has been pastor at this church for nine years. Easter Sunday at Pilgrim will be a jubilee Sunday for the new organ will be instaled at that time. ....Mr. J. Edgar Murphy has been quite ill at his home on St. Anthony avenue.... The mid-winter session of the Colored Women's State Federation held a very successful meeting in Minneapolis last week. ....Get a copy of The Freeman at the Peoples barber shop, Utley & Vass shop, or from the agent, Mr. Henry Crawford. ....We have one colored undertaker in the city—Mr. Thomas H. Lyles, who is one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens——The Lincoln celebration was one of the grandest in the history of St. Paul. The U. B. F. & S. M. T. had charge of the affairs and J. H. Dillingham, State Grand Master, J. H. Charleston and J. Q. Adams deserve the honor of making such a success out of the entertainment. Lincoln is dead, but his name will forever live in the hearts of our people.

KENTUCKY MEMORABLE DAY

BIG CELEBRATION AT THE MECCA OF STATE

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAKES ADDRESS

Hon. I. T. Montgomery of Mound Bayou Reads Proclamation—Y. M. P. L. Give Banquet in Memory of Fred Douglass.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(Special.)—Nearly every colored delegate that was appointed by Governor A. E. Willson to attend the centenary anniversary celebration of Abraham Lincoln at Hodgenville was present and enjoyed the day marching and riding to the sacred spot of the great emancipator.

Two hundred Negroes were there from all parts of the State, with ribbons and badges bearing the likeness of Lincoln.

The Rev. L. G. Jordan and your correspondent went the day before the celebration and made arrangements for the coming of the colored guests. Places were secured for those who wished to remain over and wagons and carts were engaged to ride out to the now famous Lincoln farm.

The day was a miserable one, yet this did not deter the people from journeying to the Mecca of Kentucky. Through wind, rain, snow and mud, they passed on without least apprehension of the inclement weather.

President Roosevelt and his private car with I. T. Montgomery, of Mound Bayou, and the rest of the party arrived at 11 o'clock in the morning and they were escorted out Lincoln road to the farm. Seven thousand people followed behind the President and the Governor and the State troops, and they were two hours passing one point on the road.

Addresses were made at the cornerstone laying of the Lincoln building by President Roosevelt, Governor A. E. Willson, Luke Wright and I. T. Montgomery of Mound Bayou, Miss. Mr. Montgomery read the Emancipation Proclamation and deposited it into the corner stone.

What also seemed to please President Roosevelt was the boys' band of the Eckstein Norton Institute, of which Dr. C. H. Parrish is president, playing national airs as the presidential party passed to the Lincoln farm.

A large crowd of Negroes went to the farm and many were near the President when he delivered his address. The occasion was a memorable one in the history of Kentucky. The colored people in that small town did themselves credit in caring for the large number of Negroes during that one day.

Among some of the leading colored delegates present were Albert S. White, Dr. L. G. Jordan, Dr. C. H. Parrish, Rev. L. H. Brown, Rector Leroy Ferguson, E. W. Marshall, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Bullett, Prof. James E. Givens, Dr. D. A. Gaddie, Bridgeford Simms, Rev. E. P. Marrs, Rev. E. G. Harris, George Talbert, B. J. Richardson, Thomas Cole, J. B. Cooper, Cary B. Lewis, Louisville; George W. Gentry, Stamfors; Dave Miller, Paris; Rev. J. E. Wood, Danville; J. D. McGowan, Mt. Sterling; James Woolfolk, Frankfort.

The Rev. W. W. Wheeler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hodgenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Cox, were among those who took an interest in the welfare of the distinguished visitors.

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The Young Men's Progressive League, a social organization, gave a banquet Monday night at Tom Cole's Pekin Cafe, commemorating the ninety-second birthday anniversary of Frederick Douglass, and it was one of the swellest affairs ever given by young men in the city of Louisville.

It was Douglass night with the club and the members present declared that from now on they will assemble annually to commemorate the life and character of one of the greatest men the race has ever produced.

The beautiful dining-room of the cafe was appropriately decorated for the occasion. In the center of the dining-table stood a large, beautiful plant, and at each end were choice cut-flowers. Before the speechmaking, a number of the members played whist in the second dining-room, while others talked on race questions.

At 9:30 p. m., Cary B. Lewis, toastmaster of the evening, invited the members to the main dining-hall, and a delicious menu was served. During the first course, the toastmaster arose and said: "February has produced men who have brought lustre to the advancement of the world. Americans within this month have celebrated the birthday of Felix Mendelssohn, a child who grew to be a great composer of distinction, February 12, were born far apart on the globe—one in Kentucky and the other in another hemisphere—one was Abraham Lincoln and the other Charles Darwin. The former was born in a cabin and became one of the greatest men in our history, and the latter a thinker to revolutionize science.

"George Washington, the father of our country, saw the light in the month of February, and today we hallow his memory. Longfellow, the most beloved of our poets, was born in February. These names today are household words, as their deeds are historical deeds. Can you imagine what a strange world this would be if we did not know something about these great men?

"Tonight we assemble around the festive board to celebrate the birth of another great man. He was our kith and kin. He was born in February. This man was born a slave and arose to a place of distinction and honor; a lecturer, orator, educator, publicist, public servant and statesman. Douglass excelled them all. There is no record in history where a man arose from slavery and gained as great a place in the hearts of the people and did more for a race than Douglass."

During the remainder of the evening speeches were made by professional and business young men that would challenge the admiration of an ordinary man. Chas. B. Preston, a clerk in the postoffice, spoke on "Douglass as a Slave," and he was

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Old World News.

From Our Own Correspondent.

On January 27, the Emperor of Germany celebrated his fiftieth birthday.

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Word has just been received here that Robert Hemming, a young colored man of Boston, who is studying art in Paris, has won several prizes for his very fine portrait painting.

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After a lapse of over three years, the guillotine appeared again in France on last Monday when four crominals met a well-deserved fate in the little town of Bethune near Pas de Calais.

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Through the ignorance of a Chinaman igniting a quantity of gelatine, an explosion occurred in the Village Deep Mine near Johannesburg, Africa, resulting in the killing of six and injuring of fifteen Negro laborers.

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News comes by way of Paris that King Menelik is dying. All authority is now in the hands of the Empress and the monks. Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is without doubt the best known ruler of a Negro country. His subjects number several million.

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Among Afro-Americans visiting Europe at this time are Mrs. Hunton of Atlanta, Ga., wife of the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Hon. and Mrs. John P. Green of Cleveland, O. Mr. Green was U. S. stamp agent under President Roosevelt.

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News has just been received here from Cape Town, South Africa, telling of the safe arrival there of Bishop J. Albert Johnson. Rev. Johnson is one of the new A. M. E. Church Bishops and has been sent to Africa in charge of the mission work of that denomination. The Bishop spent two weeks in London on his way to Africa.

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One of the most interesting items on the bill at the Palace Theatre, London, a few weeks ago was that of Carlisle & Baker, two young colored men from America. They presented a refined act of playing and singing their own compositions and were praised by the leading critics for their excellent work. Mr. Carlisle is a native of St. Paul and Mr. Baker of Indianapolis.

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In recent dispatches from Russia it is stated that a project is being elaborated by the Russian Government for arresting the influx of Coreans and Chinese into the Russian Far Eastern possessions. An annual limit of immigration will be fixed. It seems, although Russia has a fear of the "Yellow Peril," and from her past experience with the "Yellow Peril" we can hardly blame her.

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Last Saturday night Coleridge Taylor's new composition entitled "Bon Bon Suite" for chorus and baritone solo, was performed for the first time in London, the composer conducting. The audience taxed the seating capacity of the large hall and the performance was received with great outbursts of applause, adding much to the already fine reputation of the Anglo-African composer.

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Mrs. E. Azalia Hackley, the noted singer of America, makes her appearance at Kensington Hall, London, Eng., at the head of a list of English and foreign artists who are appearing at a grand benefit concert for the Messina earthquake victims. Madam Hackley has travelled extensively in America and is without doubt one of the finest singers our race has ever produced. Her home was for some years in Denver, Colo., where she graduated from the College of Music of the University of Denver.

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It is reported on good authority that the Kaiser of Germany has been compelled to sell at least one of his ancestral castles through his great extravagance, although this monarch enjoys a yearly income of $10,000,000. At his estate in Corfu, where he spends less than a month each year, he keeps ninety servants and fourteen automobiles. As his extravagances of various kinds have been going on for twenty years, it is little wonder that some kind of check has been put on the expenditures of this impetuous monarch.

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As a medical feat, the post-mortem examination of the body of M. Steinhill, the murdered artist in Paris, after he had been dead eight months, is to be entirely overshadowed by a medical inquiry which is just about to be opened; an inquiry into the mental and physical statg of Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo. It has long been the opinion in France that at the time of the battle of Waterloo Napoleon was suffering from some secret and incomprehensible illness. Prof. Landowzy, a well-known authority on mental physiology, is at the head of the inquiry.

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This morning the Foreign Secretary, Herr von Schoen, informed the Budget Committee that there was no truth in the report that Germany and the United States intended to guarantee Liberia against British land-hunger. Nothing was known to the Foreign Office, he said, as to British designs against Liberia. On the contrary, England's declared intention had always been not to extend her West African possessions at the cost of Liberia. It was further untrue that Germany had offered Liberia a loan of $50,000 on condition that the Black Republic would accept no money from Great Britain. The truth was that Liberia has approached Germany with loan proposals, but, meeting with no encouragement, had turned to England.

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A telegram from Konahry (French West Africa) states that the Liberian customs gunboat "Lark" has fired on a German steamer. The "Lark" is a vessel of 740 tons and was purchased last year from Lord Rothschild by the Liberian Government. It was sent out in September of last year to put a stop to constantly recurring breaches of the custom regulations and to prevent the entrance of ships into ports of the Liberian Republic not open to the trade of the world. The incident is being investigated by the German Government, although it is not probable that any hostilities will result from the occurrence. It will be remembered that Liberia is the Republic founded in Africa and governed by American colored men, and that quite recently they have endeavored to enlist the protection of the United States to prevent encroachment on the part of several European nations.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

The Quarterly Conference of the A. M. E. Church was held February 1. Presiding Elder Rev. E. Allen was present. There was a large attendance....Rev. E. Allen returned to Flint on Thursday and Friday evening to assist Rev. T. W. Beck in the revival meeting. As the fruits of the meeting many expressed a desire to lead a different life....Mrs. Addie Vick, of Toledo, O., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Johnson, for a few days.

BIG ROCK, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

The A. M. E. Church was filled last Saturday night with friends and parents to hear the recitations and declamations of pupils of Bethel school. The exercise was a closing feature and with decorations of red, white, blue and green hangings and streamers it was beautiful to see. Music was furnished by the string band under the direction of Messrs. C. L. Ellis, S. Cheatham and B. Ellis. Prof. P. D. Kingin, principal of the school and one of the best teachers of this section, was master of ceremonies. Mrs. A. Parham, principal of Ellis school, and who at one time was a pupil of P. D. Kingin, added much grace and dignity to the exercises. As the exercise was a mixture of songs, recitations and solos and declamations and orations, a number of people took active part in the exercises. Mrs. Mollie Kingings, wife of Prof. P. D. Kingins, was the center of attraction on the stage with her beautiful solos of "Nobody Waiting" and "Bride's Farewell." Mrs. Almer Ellis and a number of other ladies and gentlemen gave her much appreciated service. Miss Anna Brewer and Miss Eunice Dixson of Legate were present at the exercises. Messrs. N. W. Williams and C. Weston were on the stage and the people around here can tell you what that means. ...Rev. Jas. Merriwether arrived here on Saturday and on Sunday he preached a wonderful sermon at the Baptist Church. His subject was "Small Things."...Sunday school is moving nicely here under the supervision of P. D. Kingins...Geo. Kindric held service at Neaver's store Sunday...Prof. P. D. Kingins was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Monday... Mrs. Tarrista Martin is a teacher in the public school here...Messrs. C. H. Weston, C. L. Ellis and Jas. Cheatham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Kingins Tuesday...Rev. W. J. Wade and Prof. P. D. Kingins spoke before the L. & O. & H. & C. Society Tuesday night...See P. D. Kingins and get The Freeman every week. Don't miss an issue, for each issue is better than the preceding one.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Mamie Mobley left a few days ago to visit her father at Yazoo City, Miss....The Ministers and Deacons' Institute, which met at St. John's Baptist Church, East End, on January 30 and 31, was largely attended....Rev. Dr. H. H. Buckenham, of St. James A. M. E. Church, West End, is holding that part of the city down for the Lord. The choir of this chruch is extra good....Mrs. Lena Atkins, who has been very sick for several months at her home on Thirty-fourth avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, died on Saturday night, February 6. Rev. S. A. Rivers attended the funeral at the house on Sunday evening, February 7, at 2:30. Interment at the Masonic Cemetery....Mr. Dean (white), a well-known ex-policeman, died at his home in the East End on February 6. He was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery on Sunday evening, February 7....El Bethel Baptist Church, on Thirtieth avenue and Thirteenth street, met on February 3 in regular church conference, and called Rev. Bernerd, of Montgomery, Ala. He will be down about March 1....Mrs. E. H. Triplett and her daughter, Miss A. E. Triplett, have been on the sick list the past week, but are some better....Carter Callin has been in very feeble health the past several weeks.

WAR ON THE NEWSPAPERS.

The effort on the part of the President to prosecute the New York World and the Indianapolis News for "defamation of character," or something like that, has stirred up a nest of hornets. The newspaper men are sticking together to "beat the band." The concensus of opinion among them is that the government cannot be slandered or maligned. They urge the theory of free speech; that public officials and governments are of public concern and therefore subjects for public airing.

Harper's Weekly speaks of the government's attitude as a ridiculous performance. It cites some past history of similar endeavor and which ended in nothing. That publication has this to say:

"We find ourselves wholly unable to regard seriously the President's attempt to put Joseph Pulitzer in jail. * * * The Federalists made the first mess of it in 1798 when they passed the sedition act, which provided for the fining and imprisonment of any person found guilty of printing or publishing 'any false, scandalous and malicious writings against the Government of the United States, either House of Congress or the President, with intent to defame them or to bring them into contempt or disrepute.' Hamilton protested in a note to Walcott while the bill was pending, saying:

"'Let us not establish a tyranny. Energy is a very different thing from violence. If we take no false step we shall be essentially united; but if we push things to an extreme we shall then give to parties body and solidity.'

"But the Federal leaders of that day were as incapable as our present chief magistrate of discriminating between energy and violence, and the bill was enacted. The people expressed their view emphatically at the first opportunity, two years later, when they drove the Federalists out of power and compelled an immediate repeal of the oppressive legislation.

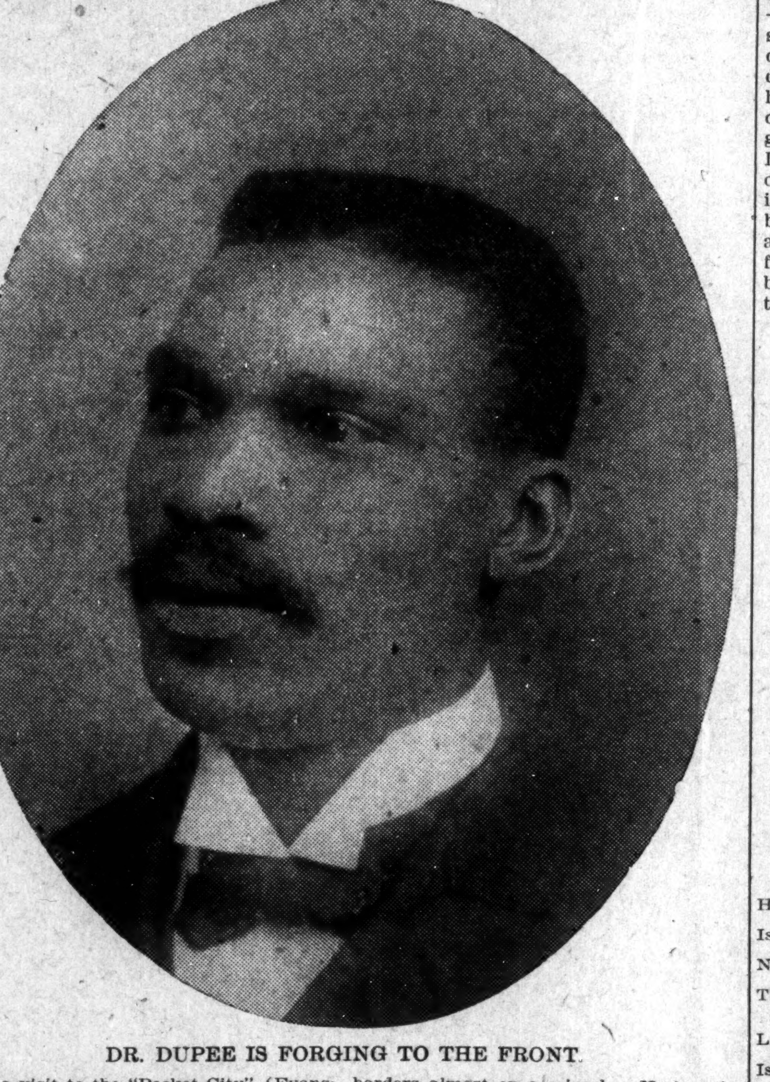
"No further effort to impair the freedom of the press was made until 1873, when the Grant administration, smarting under the criticisms of the Sun, resolved to silence it, and to that end undertook by the exercise of despotic authority to compel Charles A. Dana to answer in Washington for what he had said in New York. Application was made to the United States District Court for a warrant of removal, but in a memorable decision Justice Blanchard refused the warrant, holding the proposed form of trial to be unconstitutional. Enlightened public opinion strongly supported Mr. Dana in his resistance of the subpena, which would have placed him at the mercy o fthe Washington ring. Returning thanks to the ablest newspapers in the country, which had stood with him unfalteringly, Mr. Dana said:

"'And so the press rises to the comprehension and assertion of its own dignity and power. And all petty and despicable jealousies and rivalries are buried deep in the strong current of the brotherhood of the press—the brotherhood representation of the rights of the people.'

"We direct the attention of the present angry administration to these memorable words. In a like contingency they would prove to be as true now as they were then. We have no means of ascertaining at the moment the curious process by which the Attorney-General proposes to carry out his master's order to prosecute Mr. Pulitzer for criminal libel in the Federal courts on behalf of the United States of America because, forsooth, his paper printed things about 'my brother-in-law' which the aforesaid brother-in-law resented.

"But if that mightily resourceful official has in mind any such hocus-pocus proceedings as were attempted against Mr. Dana, he will discover very quickly that the press surely, the public probably, and the courts almost to a certainty, will stand as a unit against a ridiculous assumption of unprecedented and unwarranted authority.

"The people are not worried over the World's attempts to trace to their final resting place the millions that were wheedled out of Congress. In point of fact, they would like to know a good deal more about it than has yet come to light, and are quite willing that the World or anybody else shall dig to the bottom. They have not been slandered, and do not feel that they have been. Neither has the Government. Congress, which voted the money, manifests no excitement. Why should the President? And does anybody suppose for a fraction of a minute that he would, except to divert attention from the real issues and put upon the Government the cost of exculpating 'my brother-in-law,' to whom, if he has been injured, the courts are open? Fudge!"



DR. DUPEE IS FORGING TO THE FRONT.

On a visit to the "Pocket City" (Evansville, Ind.) last week our reporter picked up the authentic news that Dr. S. S. Dupee, at present the Chief Grand Mentor of the International Order of Twelve of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor of the State of Indiana and jurisdiction, had added another link to his chain of success by receiving the appointment to the lucrative position of township physician of Pigeon township. It is said that the position pays in the neighborhood of $3,000 and that Dr. Dupee has been appointed for four years.

We were unable to see the Doctor for a verification of this report, as he was out on his calls each time we made a visit to his beautiful home. However, the above are reliable facts. Whether the appointment came as a consequence of the warm and amicable relations which is known to have existed between the Doctor and the recently elected township trustee, for whom he worked so faithfully and ardently from beginning to end, or was a complimentary compensation dictated by the "boss" politicians as a party token, we were not able to learn, for we were so overcome with ecstacy at the recognition given the Doctor that we did not take time to get a detail story.

Dr. Dupee is yet quite a young man with a splendid education and plenty of vim, vigor, energy and ambition and we predict for him even a greater success both civilly and professionally. The stride he has made in Evansville in ten years borders almost on a miracle. He has the highest respect of both races and moves in the front rank of his profession. He is an ex-Fiskite, a graduate of the medical department of Howard University in the class of 1898, with hospital experience in New York and at Freedmen's Hospital at Washington, D. C. The two real things that brought the Doctor in the limelight of public notice outside of his acknowledged ability in medicine and surgery, were, first, his defeat of Mr. Joe Sherwood, a white man, for precinct committeeman of the twenty-ninth precinct, in the spring of 1908. This happening was the talk of the town and was given wide circulation over the State. Second, the total destruction of the vicious, the malicious and the unchristian plan of the Ministers' Alliance to defeat the Republican county ticket last fell because of personal enmity and grievances on their part.

In both of these instances the Doctor gave uncontradictory evidence that he was a shrewd politician and as a result he has planted himself well in the hearts of those "who rule." Today he is regarded as the most influential colored citizen in the "Pocket City." In getting around among the people of Evansville, we find as elsewhere that the Negro who is meeting with success and pushing to the front is abused, villified and opposed by the parasites of the community. Dr. Dupee's grit and ambition, however, subjugate all these obstacles. Here's luck, Doctor.

CARDINAL GIBBONS IS AGAINST DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Cardinal Gibbons, the well-known prelate of the Catholic church, has taken a stand against the disfranchising scheme now pending in the State of Maryland. As usual in the laws for the qualification of the electorate, the Negro voter is the animus of the movement, of course involving the question of races, the idea of which is so repugnant to the spirit of our laws. In an interview which was seen in the "Sun" of Baltimore the cardinal is quoted as saying:

"I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe it to be both unjust and impolitic. Unjust, because it is designed to deprive a certain class of our fellow-men of the rights duly conferred upon them by the highest law of the land; impolitic, because, in my opinion, it must ultimately injure the political organization which favors it by stirring up bad blood and creating dissension within the ranks of that party."

The distinguished churchman spoke of the well-known charge against the Negro voters in political times, when they are said to be bought and sold. He thought the charge was true to some extent, but contended that the laws were ample to cope with the situation. His own language on the point is this:

"Laws have been recently enacted in this State which, if properly enforced, will stamp out this undoubted menace to the purity of our State and municipal governments. Apply these laws with equal impartiality to all corrupt voters, whether they be black or white, and I venture to predict that the demand for the disfranchisement of the so-called ignorant voter will no longer be insisted upon by those who have the honest administration of ur public affairs really at heart.

"In the case of the Negro, conciliation will some day win him over to the ranks of those who vote according to their convictions, regardless of party affiliations. Injustice and abuse will, upon the other hand, but confirm him in his present course.

"If he is indeed ignorant, educate him; if he is corrupt and venal, punish him for his corrupt practices and his venality; but, above all things, let us not condemn the righteous for the sins of the unrighteous. Let us not be guilty of the great crime of a wholesale violation of the written laws of our country in order to punish individuals who break those laws in isolated instances.

"The law of the land gives the Negroes the right to vote, and to deprive them of that right is, in my opinion, an open violation of the spirit, if not of the letter, of the Constitution of the United States, and for that reason, if there were no others, I am opposed to the adoption of the proposed amendment."

The genuineness of the interview was doubted until it was submitted to the cardinal. He confirmed it, said that it was correct. He refused to be questioned in reference to the suffrage measures of other States. On this point he said:

"I do not believe such a drastic measure should be taken in Maryland—our own State—unless all colors are suubjected to the same conditions. I do not believe the Negro should be disfranchised solely on the ground of his color. If there is to be a disfranchising amendment, let there be some general qualification or requirement. Let there be a property qualification or an educational qualification or the immorality phase. Then whites and blacks and all colors alike would be affected; but to pick out the Negro for no reason save his color would be too unjust, I believe, and against the meaning of the Constitution."

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She went; I was as certain
As there's a silvery moon,
That sometime she'd rue the day—
Perhaps (not yet, but soon).

She did; and a man a-passing
Heard her mournful cries,
Asked, "Are you badly hurt?"
She made "goo-goo eyes."

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The pains are aggravating;
But her charming personality
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—*T. H. Peterson.*

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By Prof. J. H. Gray.

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That shook his soul in manhood's prime
Is wafted like some faded leaf
Across the horizon of time.
Now shall we fitly say farewell
To him whose voice in other days
Thrilled human hearts as by a spell
And won the incense of their praise?

Like some ungentle blast that shakes
The fairest blossoms from the tree;
Is this grim mystery that takes
Life's perfume and life's flow'r from thee,
And can those lips indeed be dumb
From which such golden words did fall,
And is that princely figure numb
That yields the purple to the pall?

Alas, 'tis so! The Prince is dead
Who showed us Slavery's woes anew,
May sweetest rest attend his bed
And peace the gentle heart and true!
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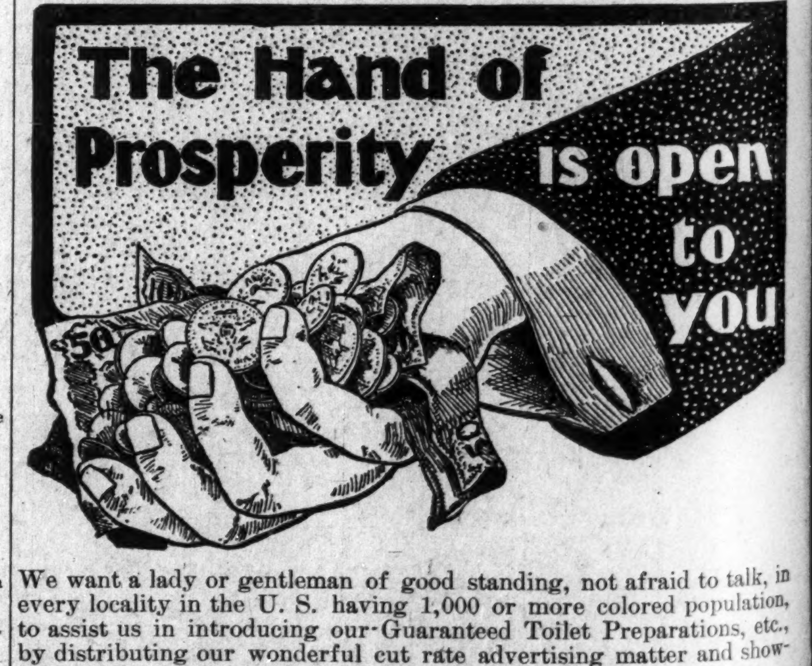

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CHAPTER V.

UNKNOWN to Bud Lane and Buck McKee, who were rioting in Florence, Jack Payson had hurried up the wedding. Colonel Jim had wheedled Josephine into consenting that it should take place two months ahead of the time that had been fixed. "April is the month fer flowers, Josie, an' we'll let you weep all you please."

Two weeks' notice, however, gave scant time for preparation for the important ceremony that Mrs. Allen deemed necessary. During this period the busiest spot in Arizona was the kitchen of Allen Hacienda. An immense cake, big as a cheese, was the crowning effort of Josephine, who wept copiously at the thought of losing her daughter as she measured and mixed the ingredients. A layer of frosting an inch in thickness incrusted this masterpiece of the art of pastry making. Topping the creation were manikins of a bride and bridegroom.

This climax of the bridal cake had been brought up by wagon from Tucson with more caution than if it were a month's cleanup of a paying mine. Mrs. Allen permitted no one to go near the artistic achievement. Others might look at it from afar, but at the slightest movement to get close to it she would push the observer back with the warning: "Keep yer dirty fingers off o' it. 'Tain't common icin'; that's confectionary."

Enough chickens to feed a darky camp meeting were killed for the feast. Fried, roasted, cold or minced as tamales, the dishes filled ovens and tables and overflowed into the springhouse. Favorite recipes carried across the plains by the wives of the argonauts met in rivalry with the dishes of the cooks of old Mexico.

Colonel Allen wandered aimlessly about the ranch while the preparations for the feast were in progress. The women folk drove him from one favorite loafing place to another. His advice was scorned and his wishes made a subject for jests.

Defiantly he had taken full charge of the liquid refreshments. A friendly barkeeper in Tucson, acting under his orders, had shipped to him cases of champagne, a barrel of beer and a siphon of seltzer. Why the seltzer he never could explain. Later the unlucky bottle marred the supper and nearly caused a tragedy. A guest picked it up and peered into the metal tube to see how "the durned thing" worked.

As he gazed and pondered, shaking the bottle in his effort to solve the mystery, he pressed the handle. The stream struck him fairly between the eyes. Shocked, surprised and half blinded, he pulled his gun and declared immediate war on the "sheep herder who had put up the job on him." Allen's other supplies were of the kind taken straight in the southwest and downed with a hasty gulp.

Driven from the house on the day of the wedding, Allen took refuge on the piazza. From behind the hacienda floated dreamily on the sun drenched air the music of guitars and mandolins played by Mexicans, practicing for the dance which would follow the ceremony.

The colonel dozed and dreamed.

Suddenly the peace of the afternoon was shattered by the wild "yipyips" of a band of cowboys riding up the trail. Revolver shots punctuated their shrill cries.

Allen bounded from his chair, shaking himself like a terrier. This riotous sound was the music he longed to hear.

When the staccato beats of the ponies' hoofs ceased he shouted: "Come on, boys. Make this your home. Everything goes, and the Sweetwater outfit is always welcome."

The foreman was the first to pull up in front of the house. "Hello, Uncle Jim!" he cried.

"Hello, Sagebrush!" answered the colonel, a broad smile illuminating his face. Holding his pipe in one hand, he licked his lips at the thought of "lickering up" without the invention of an excuse for his wife. Then he joined in a hearty laugh with the men about the corral as he heard the grunts and stamping of a plunging mustang. A cow pony had entered into the spirit of the occasion and was trying to toss his rider over his head.

Fresno, one of the Sweetwater's cowpunchers, was the victim of the horse's deviltry.

His predicament aroused wild shouts of mirth and sallies of the wit of the corral.

"Hunt leather, Fresno, or he'll buck you clean over the wall!" shouted Sagebrush.

"Grab his tail!" yelled Show Low, with a whoop.

"All over," was the chorus as Fresno, with a vicious jab of his spurs and a jerk of the head, brought the animal into subjection.

"Come right in, boys," called Allen. "Let the greasers take the horses."

With shrill shouts, whoops and much laughter the guests crowded about the ranchman.

Each wore his holiday clothes. New handkerchiefs were knotted about their necks. Fresno had stuck little American flags in the band of his hat, the crown of which he had removed. "I want head room for the mornin' after," he had said.

Show Low's chaps were conspicuously new, and his movements were heralded by the cracking of unsoftened leather.

Last of the band was Parenthesis, short, bowlegged, with a face tanned and seamed by exposure. The cowboys ran stiffly, toeing slightly inward. Long hours in the saddle made them apparently awkward and really ungraceful when on the ground.

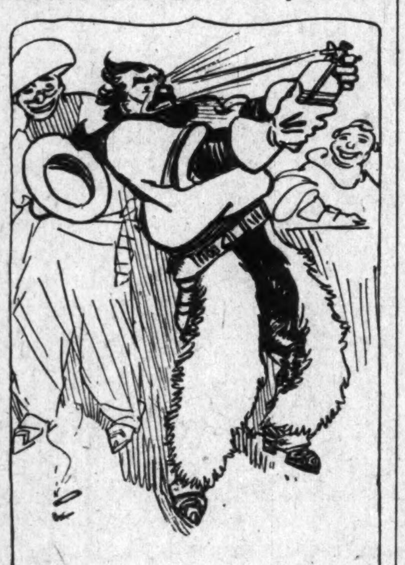
They greeted Allen with hearty enthusiasm, slapping him on the back, poking him in the ribs and swinging him from one to the other with cries of "Howdy, Uncle Jim?"

"Howdy, Sagebrush? Hello, Fresno! Waltz right in, Show Low. Glad to see you all!" cried Allen as he in turn brought his hand down with ringing slaps upon shoulder and back.

Meantime Parenthesis hopped about the outer edge of the ring, seeking an entrance. Failing to reach his host, he crowed, "How de doddle do!" to attract his attention.

Allen broke from the ring. Grasping Parenthesis by the hand, he said: "I'm tolerable, thankee, Parenthesis. Where's Jack? Didn't he come over with you?"

"What—the boss? Ain't he got here yet?" asked the foreman. Tall and lean, with hardened muscles, Sagebrush Charley was as lithe as a panther on horseback. His first toy had been a rope with which, as a toddler, he had practiced on the dogs and chickens about the ranch yard. He could not remember when he could not ride. Days on the round-up, hours of watching the sleeping herd in the night watch, had made him quiet and self contained in his dealings with men. His eyes looked out fearlessly on the world. All of his life he had handled cattle. Daily facing dangers on the long drives or in the corral, he schooled himself to face emergencies. Acquiring self control, he was trusted and admired. When Lyman, the old foreman of the Sweetwater, resigned, Jack Payson promoted Sagebrush, although next to Bud Lane he was at the time the youngest man in the outfit. He made his employer's interests his own. At the mention of Payson's name he always became attentive. With a shade of anxiety he awaited Allen's answer.



The stream struck him fairly between the eyes.

"No," replied the ranchman, looking from one of his guests to the other.

"Why, he started three hours ahead of us!" explained Parenthesis.

With a challenging note in his tones, as if his word was disputed, the host answered, "Well, he ain't showed up."

The little group had become silent. Arizona was in a period of unrest. Rumors of another Apache uprising were growing stronger each day. Then Payson was successful and therefore despised by less fortunate men ever eager for a quarrel.

After a moment's thought Sagebrush brushed aside his fears and brightened up his comrades with the remark: "Mebbe he rid over to Florence station to get a present for Miss Echo. He said somethin' about gettin' an artickle from Kansas City."

"Mebbe so," agreed Allen, eager to cast out any forebodings. "It's time," he continued, "he wuz turnin' up if this weddin's to be pulled off by the clock."

"Has the sky pilot got here yet?" asked Sagebrush.

"No," replied Allen. "He's started, though. There's one thing sartin—we can't tighten up the cinches till the bridegroom gits here."

The absence of Jack Payson and the failure of the minister to arrive aroused the suspicions of Sagebrush. Coming closer to Allen, he smiled knowingly and, speaking in a confidential tone, asked:

"Say, Jim, they ain't figgerin' on gittin' away on the sly-like, are they?"

Show Low interrupted with the explanation, "You see, we're goin' to decorate the wagon some."

The suggestion that any one connected with Allen Hacienda would ride in anything on wheels except the driver of the chuck wagon on the round-up aroused the indignation of the old cattleman. For him the only use to which a wheeled vehicle drawn by a horse should be put was to haul materials that could not be packed on a horse.

"They ain't usin' any wagon!" he fairly shouted. "They're goin' away in the leather."

The idea of carrying out the traditions of the horse in Pinal county even to a wedding journey tickled the boys immensely.

Slapping one another on the back and nodding their heads in approbation, they shouted: "That's the ticket! Hooray!"

"This ain't no New York idea, where the bride an' groom hits the life trail in a hired hack!" cried Fresno.

Allen's feelings apparently were not yet fully soothed. Turning to Sagebrush, he said: "Wheels don't go in my family. Why, her ma an' me were married on hossback. The preacher had to make a hurry job of it, but it took."

"Hush, now," was Parenthesis' awed comment.

"For her pop was a-chasin' us an' kept it up for twenty miles after the parson said 'Amen.'"

"Did he ketch you?" asked Fresno, with great seriousness.

"He sure did," answered Allen, with a twinkle in his eye, "an' thanked me for takin' Josephine off his hands."

The boys laughed. The joke was upon themselves, as they had expected to hear a romantic story of earlier days.

When the laughter had subsided Show Low suggested, "If we can't decorate the wagon, let's put some fixin's on the ponies."

The proposal was received with more whoops, shouting and yipping. They waitzed about the smiling rancher.

"That's what!" cried Sagebrush enthusiastically.

Allen grew sarcastic, remarking, "I reckon you all must have stopped some time at the water tank."

Renewed laughter greeted this sally.

"This is my first weddin'," explained Sagebrush rather apologetically.

"I want to know!" exclaimed Allen in surprise.

"I'm tellin' you. I never seed a weddin' in all my life," replied Sagebrush, as seriously as if he was denying a false accusation of a serious crime. "Mother used to tell me about her'n, an' I often wisht I had been there."

Fresno shouted with amusement. He had Sagebrush rattled. The coolest man on the range was flustered by the mere thought of attending a wedding ceremony.

"He's plum locoed over this one. Ain't you, Sagebrush?" he drawled tauntingly.

Sagebrush took his gibing in the best of humor. It was a holiday, and they were with people of their own kind. Had a stranger been present the remarks would have been resented bitterly. On this point cowboys are particularly sensitive. In the presence of outsiders they are silent, answering only in monosyllables, never leading in any conversation, and if any comment is necessary they make it indirectly.

"Well, I ain't no society bud like you are," laughed Sagebrush. The others joined with him in his merriment over Fresno's discomfiture. "Weddin's ain't so frequent where I come from as they is in Californy."

"It's the climate," answered Fresno, with a broad grin.

"So you ain't never been at a weddin'?" asked Allen, who was looking for another opening to have more fun with Sagebrush.

Again the cowboy became serious and confessed: "Nope; I've officiated at several plain killin's an' been chief usher at a lynchin', but this here's my first weddin', an' I'm goin' to turn loose some an' enjoy it."

Sagebrush grinned in anticipation of the good times that he knew lay in store for him at the dance.

"You're fixed up as if you was the main attraction at this event," said Allen, looking Sagebrush over carefully and spinning him around on his heel.

"Ain't I mussed up fine?" answered Sagebrush.

"You're the sure big turkey," interrupted Parenthesis.

"Served up fine, with all the trimmin's," laughed Fresno, taking another jab at his friend.

Their sport was broken up for the time being by the appearance of Polly at the door of the ranch house. "Hello, boys!" she shouted, with the fascinating cordiality of the western girl, wherein the breath of the plains, the purity of the air and the wholesomeness of life are embraced in a simple greeting and the clasp of a hand.

The cowboys took off their hats and made elaborate bows to the young woman. "Howdy, Miss Polly?" they cried.

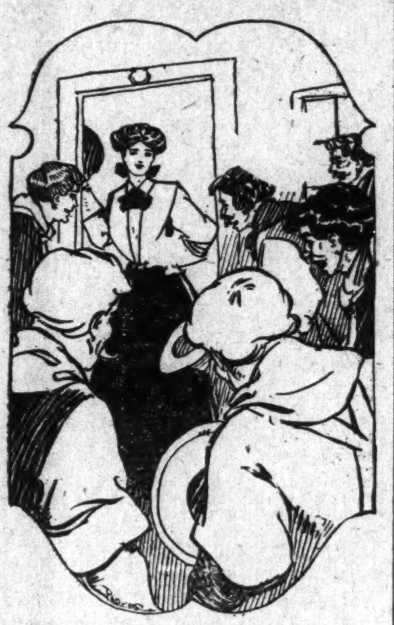
"You sure do look pert," added Sagebrush with what he considered his most winning smile. Fresno snickered and hastily brushed back the hair from his forehead.

"Where's Jack?" she asked the two men, who at once ranged themselves one on each side of her.

"He did not start with the boys," explained Allen. "He'll be along soon, Polly."

"Well, now, when it comes to lookers, what's the matter with Polly Hope?" exclaimed Sagebrush slyly.

Glances of admiration were cast at the girl, who was dressed simply and plainly in a little white gown which Mrs. Allen had made for her for the wedding. Polly's youth, good nature and ability to take care of herself made her a favorite on the ranch. She had no need of defenders, but if an occasion should arise that Polly required a knight there were a score of guns at her service at an hour's notice.



"Howdy, Miss Polly?" they cried.

"Looks like a picture from a book," said Fresno, hoping to win back the ground he had lost by Sagebrush's openly expressed admiration.

Polly was flattered by the comments and the glances of the boys, which expressed their approval of her appearance more loudly than spoken words. She pretended, however, to be annoyed. "Go 'long,' she said. "Where's Bud Lane? Didn't you give him his invite?"

(Continued Next Week,)

WILL SHE GET HER MONEY?

"After years of vain endeavor to obtain compensation for the loss of her kingdom, Liliuokalani, former Queen of the kingdom of Hawaii, appeared recently in person before the House committee on claims to press her claim. The Queen is willing to accept $250,000 as a complete settlement.

"They contended that only by the assistance of American marines had the kingdom been overthrown and the crown lands wrested from the Queen, and, further, that she had a life interest in them entirely independent of the throne.

"Nothing in the dress of the former ruler hinted of regal splendor, unless a large bunch of the forbidden aigrets in her little black hat might be considered.

"After the hearing the former Queen held an informal reception. All the members of the committee were introduced to her, but she did not get her money. The committee will consider the subject."

The disposition is to treat the former Queen of Hawaii as a joke. They took her money and now make faces at her, and simply because it is known that she is helpless. In the recent theatrical production by the Smart Set in this city the comedian, Mr. Dudley, gets off something very similar to this case. In a fight he stopped long enough to ask of his enemy: "Got no razor?" "No." "Got no gun?" "No." It was enough. The admissions were fatal. Our country has acted fairly square in the transactions with other countries and peoples, no matter how small and inconsequential. It, however, has simply given this woman the laugh—a woman, too, mind you. Of course the Queen is entitled to indemnity.

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Comments on a series of two or more of Dr. Parkhurst's articles which are appearing in Hearst's newspapers will appear on the front page of each succeeding issue of THE FREEMAN, reviewed by Sylvester Russell.

Twenty-five dollars a plate for a feast; rather high, ain't it?

Some of the Negroes are getting in expert work at burglarizing. Better work it out; it will pay better in the long run.

A small collection taken up at the various public gatherings throughout the country will pay the comparatively small indebtedness on the Douglass homestead. The pennies will do it.

The unanimity of the press on the canal matter is remarkable. The serious or amusing feature is that it insists that the press can not do harm; it is ex cathedra. We being of the craft take rather kindly to the notion, since we may talk with the utmost abandon and not jerked up about it. We think that if we tried real hard we could say some ugly things. Coming from such a source, they would count but for very little. But suppose some ournal of undoubted influence would do the same thing? The sense of discretion is so abundant that the thing is not likely to happen. But could it not happen!

President-elect Taft has it right even if he meant that the Southern sonstitutions on the electorate squared with the fifteenth amendment as they are written. This has reference to the letter, the cold form. Those legal lights that got them up knew exactly what they were doing. Not many Negro grandfathers served in the various wars, yet the application is general. You have it and you don't have it. The cold article will not ask why Negro grandfathers did not serve in the various wars. Did they or did they not? The law is served, since the test applies to all—squaring with the fifteenth amendment; all true enough. But who gets to vote?

Recent report has it that 120,000 whites have lost out in Mississippi owing to the qualification tests. More than likely the number is not nearly so large. The State has about 600,000 white inhabitants. Voters are usually reckoned at one-fifth. If that rule holds good there would be no white voters left. It stands to reason that the white vote has been largely reduced. The fact should be some comfort to those who have felt that the white man could not lose. The Negro vote of something like 180,000 is reduced to 5,000, awful to think of as a single fact. Yet if the white vote is cut 20,000, not 120,000, there would be some semblance of fairness in view of the better possible qualification of the white people.

Mrs. Johnson did not mean for her son, Jack Johnson, to become a prize fighter. She meant that he should fight enough to take his own part when he was a lad. Jack was very timid at school; got beat up quite often. His big sister stood up for him for a long time, but finally became tired. After having been whipped one day by a lad smaller than himself, Mrs. Johnson gave him another whipping when he came home; told him that he was expected to fight. Jack was between two fires. Home influence was the greater; it gave him courage. Before long he had cleaned up everything in sight, big or little. Jack has bought his mother a home and has considerable property in his own name.

One lady said she solved the servant problem by setting down to their names $10 each as a New Year's gift. This proviso, however, that each time there was something forgotten or a mistake made she was to deduct five cents as a fine. The thing worked like a charm, according to what she said. All were anxious to see $10 on New Year's morning and not $8.85 or any fractional part of the ten thereof. It goes without saying that the money was a tempting bit; it was a great incentive. The results were worth the price. Since, as a matter of fact, something is always distributed on that day or on Christmas. Here is a case where the hope of reward was greater than the fear of punishment.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the 1909 edition of the National Baptist Sunday-school Lesson Commentary. The volume is an evidence of the progress of the National Baptist Publishing Board, at Nashville, Tenn. It is one of the really valuable books gotten out by the race. The Sunday-school Lessons, with their fine comments, have long since been recognized and appreciated throughout the country. We can conceive of nothing more helpful for Sunday-school student and teacher. Indeed, the student of theology, the preacher and the literary man may well value the work as a prize. Rev. Dr. R. H. Boyd is entitled to distinguished consideration in placing before the public the volume which from value based on its purpose of existence is unrivaled.

The managers of the well-known baseball team, the Leland Giants, of Chicago recently declared a dividend of 10 per cent among the stockholders. The stock consists of 10,000 shares, the bulk of which is held by B. F. Mosely. Mr. Mosely has 3,763 shares, on which he received $376.50. Others hold from one to 1,500. The stock is at $1 per share, and is divided among thirty-four shareholders. The showing is remarkable under the circumstances. The expenses were heavy, as those of first-class baseball teams must be. Salaries and traveling expenses are fearful propositions. The management is to be congratulated on the excellent conduct of the business side, as well as for getting together such a fine set of players.

Mayor Bookwalter wouldn't mind a little Sunday baseball. We aren't use to the thing is the most that can be said of it—against it. Most people do some little work or a little play on Sunday, the difference with baseball being that there is much more of the work or play, and that special attention is called to it. We do not see that a wrong for a short while is any more harmful than a wrong for a longer period. However, we are no advocates of the game on Sunday, because we think of Sunday as a day of no wrong. The notion is in accord with the teaching. Most of us are somewhat shocked when the state takes note of the game by way of legalizing it. Some conscience remains as long as there is protest at the "wide open," even if we do get it. The games by the local teams on Sunday in time has become to be looked on with favor. At least, they are not opposed. As a matter of pleasurable recreation they are of more good than harmful. We do not think the state should know anything about these games, just as it knows nothing of picnics. But when it comes to legalizing professional games it appears different.

THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOMESTEAD.

It strikes one that the association seeking to preserve the home of Frederick Douglass could do so without the long-drawn effort in the matter. Something like $5,000 are due on the home, a considerable sum in itself, but small in view of the many who would contribute, and with pleasure, if the proper effort were made to have them do so. The platitudinous expression about our "great and undaunted" will count for nothing unless actions suit the words. All will be as tinkling cymbals and sounding brass if better headway is not soon made toward discharging the indebtedness on the home. We can not see the necessity of dragging out this matter over a term of years. Vigorous action could have cared for the situation in a year's time.

Douglass day is becoming a feature with the race. It is right and proper. In fact, it is especially becoming to the race to make note of their eminent men in whatsoever capacity. These occasions as pertain to Douglass should not pass without attention being called to the existence of the organization and its purpose of preserving the Douglass homestead as a memorial to the race. It appears that the managers of the Douglass day exercises are not advised in the matter—at least, not sufficiently advised. There could hardly be an assemblage of Negroes in this country, whether on Douglass day occasions or otherwise, but what would be a fruitful source for furthering the memorial scheme. We said at another time that the Negroes generally will be pleased to contribute something. They, perhaps, would not find pleasure in contributing by the dollars. In fact, the home should be preserved with the pennies, nickels and dimes picked up from Negro boys, girls, men, women, of all parts of the country. Any other method of subscription should not be encouraged. The idea of popular subscription carries with it a sort of sentiment that should go with such movements.

It is our opinion that the people, the Negro people, desire proprietary rights, as it were, in any great movement having to do with the great men of the race. The assertion is neither vain nor empty. The organization has a right to try them out in the matter. It is also to its interest to adopt the most feasible scheme for raising the money, considered from every standpoint. That scheme which appeals to the sentiment, if adopted, will not only be the quicker means, but the most commendable, and will go the greatest way in doing what the organization conceives to be the memorializing of Frederick Douglass. That thing in which most people are interested will be greater regarded by most people.

Those in charge are none the less able to map out a campaign in the interest of the preservation of the Douglass home. The members, more than likely, are otherwise engaged and can not give the matter sufficient time. In the meanwhile the project is languishing, when one year of energetic work would clear the business up, making the way clear for the future maintenance of the home and along the line proposed.

One responsible citizen in every community could take the matter in charge, working under the dierction of the committee in charge. Other schemes similar and as simple might be suggested. We feel to say that unless some vigor enters the movement it will languish over more years, finally becoming chronic, causing the belief that money may not have been properly appropriated. It is the penalty that sometimes attaches to the long-drawn-out movement.

KENTUCKY MEMORABLE DAY

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one of the most interesting speakers of the evening. His language was choice and his information perfect. He was greeted throughout his address with applause. Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, president of the club, spoke on "Douglass' Escape to Freedom." His address was timely and appropriate, and he said that we should hold such celebrations oftener. Attorney W. H. Wright spoke on "Douglass as an Orator." He quoted extracts from Douglass' addresses and said that he was one of the greatest orators the world has ever known. Prof. W. L. Sanders, discussing "Douglass as a Statesman." His was one of the best speeches of the evening and he showed much preparation and thought. Prof. James R. Harris, of the chair of history of the Central High School, spoke on "Douglass as a Public Servant." He went further and showed the superior ability of Douglass and how he met the problems of the race at that time and how we should meet the problems of today. Short addresses were made by Prof. John T. Clark, James Black and others. A seven-course dinner was served, and it was one of the most enjoyable affairs witnessed here for some time. The committee on banquet was composed of Henry Allen, John Clark and Carey B. Lewis.

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Miss Estella Reid of this city is at French Lick Springs.

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Mrs. Anna Carnelius was suddenly called to Chicago last week on business.

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Miss Ardie Rivers of Midway, Ky., has returned home after several days' visit.

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W. M. Gibson of Anchorage, Ky., is on the Grand Jury of that county this month.

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Miss Georgia Kimble of this city is spending a few weeks in French Lick Springs, Ind.

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One of the leading chorus girls of the Cole & Johnson company is expected in the city next week.

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Miss Margaret Ward, one of the dashing young actresses on the stage, will be in the city next week.

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Mrs. Carrie B. Gibson of Anchorage, Ky., passed through the city last week enroute to Hodgenville.

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Miss Mattie Burdette of French Lick Springs, Ind., is in the city visiting her parents in Eleventh street.

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Miss Mary Smith of Chicago was in the city a few weeks ago the guest of Miss India Harris, 1120 West Green street.

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Mrs. Marie Bush of Cedar avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, is quite ill. She is a member of Progressive Court.

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Mrs. Louise Miller Jewett of Paris, Ky., is expected to pay Louisville a short visit next week, to be the guest of Miss G. A. Lattimore.

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Tobe Brown played a fine cornet solo at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church the night of the Lincoln centenary anniversary celebration.

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Miss Martha Williams of Frankfort, Ky., is expected in the city next week. Miss Williams is domestic science teacher in the public schools of Frankfort.

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Mrs. U. S. Hayes of 1226 Magazine street is very ill. Mrs. Hayes had a serious attack of indigestion. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Green Saffell is expecting company from Frankfort, Ky. A large party is expected here from that city, headed by Miss Charity Boyd and others.

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I. T. Montgomery of Mound Bayou, Miss., who was a member of the presidential party to Hodgenville, was in the city last week the guest of William H. Steward.

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A very enjoyable masquerade party was given last Friday night at Odd Fellows Hall. The affair was strictly private and a number of the "smart set" were present.

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A very fine looking young baby made its appearance last Sunday evening at the home of James H. Black, the popular treasurer of the Young Men's Progressive League.

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Mrs. Louis Hale entertained in honor of the Pekin Quintette Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4. Messrs. Dick Larkins, O. Duncan, Wm. Cole, Sam T. Arnold and Prof. Tappley were present.

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Irvin Slye of French Lick Springs, Ind., is expected in the city next week to see the Williams & Walker show. While here he will be the guest of Thomas Cole, a life-long friend of Mr. Slye.

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Mrs. R. L. Oliver, who has been in Boston and New York, the guest of Mrs. Bessie Oliver Brown, of the Cole & Johnson company, has returned to the city much pleased with her trip.

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A number of box parties have been planned for the Williams & Walker show. Thomas Cole will open his cafe next Monday to accommodate his many friends as well as to the public during the show week.

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Very appropriate exercises were held last Sunday night at the Quin Chapel A. M. E. Church in memory of the late Bishop Richard Allen, founder of the A. M. E. Church. A number of papers were read and Rev. J. C. Anderson delivered the anniversary sermon.

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The Eight Friends, a social organization, is planning to give a big social function at an early date. They wish it made known that they are also planning to give their summer outings. These young men have given a number of affairs and all of them have been a success. They are very much alive when it comes to royally entertaining.

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Miss Margie Irvin, formerly of this city but now of Chicago, is in the city visiting her parents and sister at 916 Jackson street. Miss Irvin received a certificate of graduation from the Burham School of Manicuring in the city of Chicago and she is constantly engaged in this profession in that city. She will remain in this city until after the Williams & Walker show.

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The members of the Board of Control of the United Brothers of Friendship of the State of Kentucky, composed of Dr. W. Tardif of Standford, Dr. W. H. Ballard of Lexington, Prof. G. P. Haleburton of Hickman and Steve Bell of this city, were in session three days at the residence of Mr. Bell. While here Dr. Turdif visited eleven lodges, twelve temples and seven juvenile organizations.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Clark, who eloped to Jeffersonville, Ind., Sept. 22, 1908, to be married, will begin next week to receive their friends at their new home, 1218 Oldham street. Mr. Clark has been an employe of the Herman & Strauss Company for nine years and is well known and highly respected. Mrs. Clark, who was formerly Miss Edna Camp, is a very popular young woman and has many friends in her circle.

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Very appropriate exercises were held at the Blind School, of which Prof. F. S. Delaney is principal, on Feb. 12, commemorating the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, by the blind students. The exercises, we learn, were exceedingly interesting and the students showed that they were very conversant with the life and speeches of the great statesman. Music was part of the program given by the students.

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The Central High School held exercises last week in memory of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The program was in charge of Prof. W. P. Annis, of the chair of English. We were unable to be present, but from what could be learned the exercises were very interesting. The participants on the program were: Curtis McGrant, Harry Robinson, Miss Florence Cotter, Miss Mamie Thomas, Miss Elenora Lee, Miss Hattie Tutt, Miss Ida Canyon.

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William H. Steward has been appointed chairman of the Public Comfort Committee, as an aid to the committee at Washington, to take part in the inauguration of President-elect Taft. This is quite a distinct honor to the venerable newspaper man and he richly deserves such an appointment. Mr. Steward knows the duty of such a committee and he will make an admirable man for the place. If a man of push and intelligence like William H. Steward were at the head of the local Negro Business Men's League, we could begin to use our pen and say to all America, the meeting here next August will surpass all the rest, but alas! we are a little shy about saying this now.

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Louisville welcomes the Williams & Walker company and it goes without saying that they will do a banner business here. We believe at this writing nearly all the best seats are gone, and if the people here desire to see the show at all they had better hurry to the box office and secure tickets.

The names of Williams & Walker are household words. They have done much to prove that the Negro has ability, and are Thespians of the highest development. They are doing a work in their respective fields that commands the attention of the civilized world and we are fortunate to enjoy the fruits of such labor. There are but few stage people who have come from the depths of Williams & Walker and arisen to such a high place in the hearts of the people as these two great comedians.

Again Louisville welcomes Messrs. Williams and Walker, Will Marion Cook, Jessie Shipp, Alex Rodgers, Messrs. Rex, Tapley, Housely and Mrs. Walker, Misses Ward, Banks, Brown and the entire company.

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With music and oratory, the Negroes of this city celebrated last Friday night at the Chestnut Street Church the centenary anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The church was crowded to its uttermost capacity. In many respects it was one of the most notable meetings the Negroes have held in this city for some time.

Orators white and black took part on the program. The church was beautifully and artistically decorated with American flags and flowers, and a large, life-size picture of Lincoln was on an easel on the altar. Attorney I. E. Black acted as master of ceremonies.

After the invocation by the Rev. J. W. Hall and a musical number by the choir of thirty trained voices, Judge Kirby delivered an address and paid a high tribute to the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. Judge Matt O'Doherty, Judge Wheeler McGee, Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Mayor Grinstead, Rector Leroy Ferguson, Rev. J. C. Anderson and Miss Marie Murphy participated on the program.

On Lincoln's birthday, the women of the committee gave out tags to the colored citizens and they were very conspicuous during the day throughout the city.

The celebration committee met Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. to perfect a permanent organization.

CARY B. LEWIS.

LOST RELATIVE.

I wish to find out the whereabouts of my brother, Willie Williams, whom I have not heard from for some time. At one time he traveled with Cole Bros. circus. My maiden name was Mary B. Williams. Any information will be gladly received. Address Mrs. Mary G. Colbert, General Delivery, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Complaint to Quiet Title.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
The Greenfield Lumber and Ice Co. (a corporation) vs. William R. Smith, et al.
No. 17652.
Complaint to quiet title.

Be it known, that on the 15th day of February, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by its attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, its complaint against the above named defendants, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendants, William R. Smith; the heirs of William R. Smith, deceased, whose names are unknown; Frances Smith, the wife of William R. Smith; the heirs of Frances Smith, deceased, wife of William R. Smith, whose names are unknown; Oscar Stevens; the heirs of Oscar Stevens, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Stevens, the wife of said Oscar Stevens; the heirs of —— Stevens, deceased, the wife of said Oscar Stevens, whose names are unknown; John Kirkland; the heirs of John Kirkland, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Kirkland, the wife said John Kirkland; the heirs of —— Kirkland, deceased, the wife of said John Kirkland, whose names are unknown; Adrian Rivet; the heirs of Adrian Rivet, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Rivet, the wife of said Adrian Rivet; the heirs of —— Rivet, deceased, wife of said Adrian Rivet, whose names are unknown; Mary E. Plummer, widow of Collamer Plumber, deceased; the heirs of Mary E. Plummer, deceased, the wife of Collamer Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Collamer Plummer; the heirs of Collamer Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Naaman Plummer; the heirs of Naaman Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Naaman Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, the wife of said Naaman Plummer, whose names are unknown; Harrison Plummer; the heirs of Harrison Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Harrison Plummer, deceased; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Harrison Plummer, whose names are unknown; Hester Plummer; the heirs of Hester Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Louise Colley; the heirs of Louise Colley, deceased, whose names are unknown; Sims A. Colley, husband of said Louise Colley; the heirs of Sims A. Colley, deceased, husband of said Louise Colley, whose names are unknown; James Plummer; the heirs of James Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said James Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said James Plummer, whose names are unknown; Amanda Plummer; the heirs of Amanda Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Mary Jane Plummer; the heirs of Mary Jane Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Coleman Plummer; the heirs of Coleman Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Coleman Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Coleman Plummer, whose names are unknown; Jonathan Plummer; the heirs of Jonathan Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, wife of said Jonathan Plummer; the heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Jonathan Plummer, whose names are unknown; Martha Smith; the heirs of Martha Smith, deceased, whose names are unknown; George W. Smith, husband of said Martha Smith; the heirs of George W. Smith, deceased, husband of said Martha Smith, whose names are unknown; Lucy Plummer; the heirs of Lucy Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Louisa Plummer; the heirs of Louisa Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; Thomas Plummer; the heirs of Thomas Plummer, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Plummer, the wife of said Thomas Plummer; the unknown heirs of —— Plummer, deceased, wife of said Thomas Plummer, whose names are unknown; Alley Ann McConnell; the heirs of Alley Ann McConnell, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— McConnell, the husband of said Alley Ann McConnell; the heirs of —— McConnell, deceased, husband of said Alley Ann McConnell, whose names are unknown; Malinda Carr; the heirs of Malinda Carr, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Carr, the husband of said Malinda Carr; the heirs of —— Carr, deceased, husband of said Malinda Carr, whose names are unknown; Abiather Fish; the heirs of Abiather Fish, deceased, whose names are unknown; —— Fish, the wife of said Abiather Fish; the heirs of —— Fish, deceased, the wife of said Abiather Fish, whose names are unknown, and Anna Rogers, are not residents of the State of Indiana, and said cause is to quiet title, and that the last above named defendants are necessary parties thereto; and whereas, said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendants to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto, on the 24th day of April, 1909.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendants last above named are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against them, and that unless they appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause, on the 24th day of April, 1909, the same being the 18th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House, in the City of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in April, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in their absence.

LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.
Cook & Cook, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

FRENCH LICK, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A grand affair was Madam Field's house cotillion given in honor of Miss Lucinda Jackson, who returned from college, held in Mrs. Field's spacious parlors in Babylon Inn., Feb. 15. The Pluto Orchestra rendered excellent music for the occasion. The out-of-town guests were Miss Georgia Kembell of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Brookie Johnson of Marion, Ind.; Miss Viola Summers of Chicago Ill., and Madam Martin Tylerest, recently of New York. Gentlemen were Burly Echoes of Indianapolis, Ind.; Churchill Henderson of Louisville, Ky.; Ward Samuels of Atlanta, Ga.; Louis Webb of Pittsburg, Pa., and Johnnie Chenault of Indianapolis, Ind.

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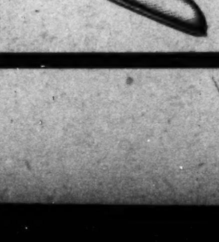

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TID-BIT POEMS.

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

A Matter of Time.

Only a matter of time,
And New York
Will be swallowed up
In Chicago—
Then Indianapolis will step in
To carry the actor cargo.

A Liquor Poem.

Wherever there's liquor
There's sympathy;
Wherever there's none,
There's none;
But the temperance cause
Is always glad
When temperance
Has won.

Collud Team.

Big head know it all,
Golly how he kin dance;
Wifey's ragtime thrills the hall,
Cuter than Clarice Vance.

Ex-Champions.

Sullivan's growing much too old,
His hair is hoary gray;
I think Jim Corbett's got a cold,
And Fitz has had his day.

Burns again would never do,
And Jeffries is too fat;
If Jeff should meet Jack Johnson—
whoo!
He'd be laid on the mat.

Particular Sam.

I likes a gal wid ruby lips,
And hair dat's smoothed down,
With frocks dat looks like Sitretta
Jones—
Dat singer of renown.

I likes a gal dat's putty fair,
Much fairer dan ma-self;
I likes one like Cacrita Day—
Dat's jus' from off de shelf.

Dat Idea Overdone Walker's
De funniest gal to me;
But Annie Cook Pancakey
Is a reg'lar hummin' bee.

I likes Miss Zaza Hackeny,
Who sings so nice and sweet;
She never noticed me at all—
"I passed her on de street."

Send in a word about yourself; THE FREEMAN wants a line on you.

W. M. Randol, of Sedalia, Mo., sends regards to P. G. Lowery and his company.

Sam Shelton continues at the Grand Theater at Pittsburg. Regards to Fred Lewis and wife.

The "biz" seems to be upon the upward tend; a little judiciousness and the work will keep upward.

Give me a strong cast and a bunch of pretty chorus girls and I am happy. That's S. H. Dudley.

Fiddler & Shelton are at Bennett's Theatre, Hamilton, Ont., this week, with Columbus, O., to follow.

Henry Wooden, at Cairo, Ill., wishes to know the whereabouts of Montrose Douglass, the trick bicyclist.

Mrs. Hattie McIntosh, widow of the well-known comedian Tom McIntosh, does beautiful work in "Bandana Land."

O Aida, where went thou? Cruelest of all your kind, why forsake us?—The voice of an Indianapolis "gallery god."

Mme. M. L. Simmons just closed a successful week's engagement at the Pekin, responding to numerous encores.

The world is your parish if you are the goods. It is willing to laugh if you can make it, or sigh or cry and the rest of it.

T'isn't everyone that can have that fashionable appendicitis for which Mrs. Bert Williams was operated on recently in Chicago.

Russell Smith and Robert Douglass, of this city, have created a musical act. They will open on the Morris Circuit some time in April.

The Real Quartet closes a fourteen weeks' engagement over the Gus Sun circuit this week at Muncie, Ind., and opens the 22d at the Columbia Theatre, Chicago.

Maude Singleton and Billy Stewart, Walter Lyons and Billy Simpson are filling engagements in picture vaudeville. Regards to Fred Lewis and wife and Mose Watkins.

W. H. Davis, manager of Davis' United Shows, now traveling through Arkansas, wants colored band and orchestra, also plantation people. See advertisement in this issue.

Andrew B. Cargile, of Louisville, a promising cornetist, leader of the First Regiment Band, is recovering from a broken leg, which occurred at the S. S. Manufacturing Company.

Neil Matthews, better known as the Mocking Bird Rube, is giving a successful musical act to Pittsburg, Pa., audiences. His impersonations are meeting with much favor. Regards to Ernest Hogan.

Fred Bass, Thomas Scott, J. Rose and Arthur Stewart, of Kalamazoo, Mich., will soon be before the footlights. They will leave for Chicago the latter part of March or the 1st of April, where they have secured dates on a vaudeville circuit.

Chas. McKenzie, stage manager with the Florida Blossoms last season, is now stage manager at the Dixie Theater at Richmond, Va., the best house in town for colored people, would like to hear from Paul Carter. The address is 522 Brook avenue, Richmond, Va.

The Edwards & Webb Co. was entertained at dinner last week at Mrs. Lillie Thomas', with Billy Earthquake and Billy Starks as guests of the company. Edward and Webb, after leaving Chicago, have met with a cordial welcome everywhere, this being their ol dterritory.

Muriel Ringgold is perhaps the greatest Negro danseuse in the world. She will be remembered as the Moany of the "Smart Set" under Hogan, who as "Bullion" found her after a long search ending in Hawaii. Her seemingly preferred style is acrobatic; this style, however, is against her health.

Lloyd Gibbs is yet in it. His singing in "The Corporation" chorus in "Bandana Land" was great. He appeared as rather an "antique" preacher, jumping back and bowing down low, but the rendition was operatic and apparently with a recitative. He is "the goods"—a tower of strength musically.

"Derby Day," by the Lincoln Stock Co. at Knoxville, Tenn., was a winner, drawing large houses the entire week. The people conspicuous in the cast for good work were S. Tutt Whitney, as Nicodemus Jones, Homer Tutt, as Hot Tamale Sam; Sam Gardner, Sank Simms, John Johnson, Link Sliger, Nettie Taylor, Mabel Brown, Mamie Gardner, Eethel Marshall and Nida Marshal. Next week Whitney and Tutts' Merry Minstrels.

The other Pekin Theatre, of Norfolk, Va., is also making good. The colored people of that city have become tired of the "Jim Crow" provisions at the other theatres. They are taking to the Pekin, where the restraint is not felt. C. W. Moseley, the manager, promises the leading Negro playhouse of Virginia.

It is being rumored that George Walker of Williams & Walker is suffering from overwork. It may be so, but his work on the stage in Indianapolis, so far as the audience knew, showed no trace of it. Walker was right there, good and proper, the Beau Brummel of the stage, doing the neatest turns known to the art.

S. H. Dudley wants it known that whate'er his vicissitudes, the mule and the horse are to share his fortunes. Either are excellent aids. His appearance under the string in the race scene on his good "Belladong"—or whatever the name—his nag—was thrilling. Dudley is right; he wants to have a jockey stunt in his shows.

Chorus girls all look good to the audience, thanks to rouge, red paint and the rest of it. But most of them are really good looking. It would be difficult to get all natural beauties having talent sufficient to fill the bill. Nature, however, could be more generous with the lower limbs of some—but that's a small drawback in this world of artifice.

The Pekin Stock Company of Chicago has been announced. Among the members are some of the well-known stage favorites, including J. Ed Green, the playwright; Lawrence Chenault, Harrison Stewart and Jerry Mills. The others are more or less known to stagedom, promising some stirring lines in the near future for Mr. Mott's well-known playhouse.

Miss Olive Ormes, of Warren, O., formerly musical director at the Princess Theater, is engaged in the novel business of picture talking at the Eureka Theater, Superior street, Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Ormes directs the music also, but skips behind the screen and takes her part with Theodore Fairbank, who heads the talkers. Miss Ormes has always been a favorite and has hosts of friends who are pleased with her success.

Madam Azalia E. Hackley, the well-known prima donna, has recently published a little volume on voice culture. She says it is simply a guide in voice building. Many valuable hints, suggestions, rules and also exercises are given to put the student of singing on the right track. Madam Hackley is a graduate of a school of music, and by many held to be the leading singer of the race. She is now a resident of Philadelphia. Recently she was in Paris in further pursuit of her vocation, and at which time she was interested in musical scholarships for colored girls. Her publication should be very valuable to individuals with good voices but who have no means for making the best of them.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" is having an unusual run at King's Theatre in Melbourne, Australia. It appears that the presentation is by a cast of white actors. A Melbourne paper in speaking of the play says that long before the curtain went up every seat was taken, and many who sought admittance were turned away. The information is interesting as a kind of feeler of the color question in Australia. In discussing the merits or the various actors and how they were received, the paper said that the individual taking the part of the "callous, brutal planter" earned the hisses of the packed galleries.

Some one has said of actors and acting, that if you want to know how you stand, keep your finger on the pulse of the gallery. In this case the gods of the upper tiers were manifesting sentiment in favor of the Negro, which, insignificant as it appears, is assuring to Negro actors and others who may find their walks in Australia.

BERT WILLIAMS' GENEROSITY.

Jos. Watts, the well-known ex-prizefighter, was the beneficiary of Bert Williams' philanthropy during the big comedian's engagement in Indianapolis. Watts is "all in" both physically and financially. Williams supplied him with the necessary cash with which to go to Louisville, that he might be in attendance upon his sick mother. Mr. Watts was enthusiastic in his praise of the comedian and his "God bless you" was oft repeated.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

We opened at the People's Theater, Los Angeles, Cal., February 8, for one week. Rant Smith, the comedian, joined us here, singing "I'm Crazy, I Am," and doing the "Preaching Parson" in the olio. Mr. Littleton McDuff received a nice write-up in the "New Age," a local colored publication, he being well known here. Also many compliments were passed upon the music rendered by the band under his supervision. We open at the Pickwick Theater, San Diego, for a week, commencing February 15.

NEW THEATER DRAWS CROWDS.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 19.—The new Pekin Theatre at 534 West Fifth street opened Saturday afternoon of last week. Despite the bad weather, over 2,000 people came at various times during the performances. On Sunday, amid rain and sleet, over 1,445 persons visited the splendid little house. Moving pictures and illustrated songs of the most up-to-date order are being used.

The house is pronounced to be the best in the city in point of construction. The theatre is under the management of Messrs. Ollie Dempsey and W. H. Smith. Charles Cottrell of Toledo, O., visited the playhouse last Sunday night. From all present indications, things look very favorable for this house in doing a good business in the future.

DEATH OF BENJAMIN HURTIG, OF HURTIG AND SEAMON.

Benjamin Hurtig, senior member of the firm of theatrical managers known as Hurtig & Seamon, after a long illness died at his home in New York Jan. 13. Mr. Hurtig was born at Nashville, Tenn., and was a self-made man, having worked his way up from a peanut vendor and side show manager with Barnum's circus.

Mr. Hurtig, being a man who was used to the colored race, with his partner, Max Seamon, successfully managed Williams & Walker for several years on their tours of America and Europe, and Mr. Hurtig himself gained for them an entrance before King Edward. On their return from Europe, Williams & Walker severed their connection with Hurtig & Seamon and the two managers at once secured Ernest Hogan, whom they managed with much success up to the time of Mr. Hogan's failing health and retirement.

The colored profession and the race at large now herein extend their sympathy to Mr. Hurtig's family, to his partner, Mr. Seamon, and his staff, and susceptibility to Mr. Hogan.

THE DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

Business in North Carolina was up to the standard. Our first stand in South Carolina was Darlington, the home of the talented musician, E. B. Dudley. Inclement weather greeted the big minstrels, but nevertheless many were turned away after 8:30 p. m. We have no one on the sick list at this writing, but it is reported that one of our members, while out visiting recently, lost his breath while making an "a la Tom Longboat" gait, and ran past the car. Al Strander, our stage manager, is very busy rehearsing an afterpiece, which he promises will eclipse all previous efforts. Tony Ridley, the singing clarinetist, is still making good with that silver-toned baritone voice, which keeps them all guessing. Tony would like to hear from Chas. and Richard Puggsley. Tom M. Seldom and Napoleon Black met their old chum, Mr. Jas. T. Williston, at Fayetteville, N. C., and were highly entertained. Chas. Jones (Chicken) is singing "Down Among the Sugar Cane." Chicken takes three and four calls always. It is rumored that the Dandy Dixie Girls' Club, of New Orleans, will greet the D. D. boys with a big brass band on the arrival of the Dandies in the Crescent City. Ahem!

RICHMOND SHOW SHOP.

By CHAS. H. MC KENZIE.

There are four houses along the line. The Dixie is the leading house, with the Gem, Orient and Idel. All did well up until Friday, when the Gem closed. The management run short of money. Well, the show was bad for the 5c. I dropped in the Orient Friday night and the Banner Crowd was 15 in number. They can't last long at that. Had a good picture, but no acts. The doors of the Idel were closed Saturday night at 9:30 and remained closed until 10:15, during that time the house was bought by Will Mosely (colored). The proprietors and white manager almost had to do a Jack Johnson stunt for their money. But it was caled off after the manager showed them all they owed him on the books. I learned a little later they wanted a small advance money and the manager did a singing act, "I'm Sorry I Haven't Got it." Chas. McKenzie in his own act, "Cat in Cat Land," was the big act at the Dixie last week, with a chorus of four girls and a very funny comedian. The sign, S. R. O., is out every night at the Dixie.

LOWERY'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS

Prof. P. G. Lowery said that this show has been a hit this season more than any other. He has had the Nashville Students on the road, and he is well pleased with his band and performers. Mr. Lowery will be seen with the Wallace and Hagenbeck show this season with a high-class vaudeville and minstrel show, which he is now preparing for it. Our soubrette, Mrs. Blanche Beechum, is making a big hit singing "Play Dat Rag," and will soon be seen in front of the footlights in her new sheath gown song. Mr. Johnnie Edwards is cleaning up every night, singing "He Didn't Ask, I Didn't Say, So I Don't Know," and his buck dance is a scream. Mr. Cassie Gilbert is getting encores nightly singing "Naughty Eyes." Mrs. Callie Vassar, while in Jerseyville, Ill., went to St. Louis to visit her mother. Charles Beechum, that clever comedian, is starring P. G. Lowery's Nashville Students Company, and he keeps the house in an uproar from the time he enters the stage until he leaves it, playing the part of the new cook. Mr. Fred Richenerson, our clarinetist, joined the show at Collinville, Ill. Prof. Kelly and his orchestra are the talk of the show. His orchestra is as follows: Tom May, second violin; James Hall, bass; P. G. Lowery, cornet; William Jones, trombone; Fred Richenerson, clarinet; H. L. Rowles, trap drums.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

P. L. Jenkins writes: We are now in the heart of the famous winter playgrounds away down near the Everglades. All the boys are feeling fine and dandy. Speedy Smith, of the team of Smith and Lee, sends regards to Effie and Willie Moore and Vance Lowery. Effie, write, care The Freeman. Prof. Ellwood Johnson wishes to hear from Grant Smith at once. Robert Gant, solo melophone and second violin, sends regards to Jas. Wolfscales. J. B. Norton, our genial stage manager, who has been seriously indisposed and had to leave the show to recuperate, is back with us, fully recovered, and wearing his usual good-natured smile. H. S. Smith, veteran comedian and trombone player, is scoring nightly, singing "Ephraim Johnson Don't Live Here No More." Jas. W. Hamilton, our baritone vocalist, holds the house spellbound nightly, singing "After All." His articulations are simply grand. Will Rawls, the comical policeman, is cleaning up, singing "I Wonder Why These Coons Don't Treat Me Right." G. B. Brooks, the battle-scarred veteran of E flat cornet fame, is still holding his own with his new C. G. Conn solid gold instrument. Paul Carter, singing and talking monologue comedian, the man with the pants of many colors, was recently on the sick list, but is up and rapidly recovering. Master Clifton Boyd, the marvelous little contortionist, is on to his job and holds the audience in bewilderment from start to finish of his act, and draws applause by kissing his elbow. The bunch sends regards to Theodore Adams. Why don't you write?

WILLIAMS AND WALKER.

Williams & Walker are too well known to need many advance notices to proclaim their special talents and merit, for they are looked for and expected in all the cities of the East and Middle West every season, and that they will always bring a good company and give a high-grade performance is taken for granted, for their shows and companies have always proved to be among the most popular of attractions.

Williams & Walker's latest effort, entitled "Bandana Land," in which they come to the Masonic Theatre, Louisville, Ky., for a limited engagement of one week, draws directly on the colored race for all of its comedy, situations, music and songs, and its scenes and environment are all Southern in tone and atmosphere. Bert Williams, whose stage troubles have caused more laughs than all other comedians put together, in his character of "Skunkton Bowser," the missing heir, furnishes the base for most of the comedy; and his partner, George Walker, the crisp and elegant, in his character of "Bud Jenkins," Skunkton's guardian, fills in everything that is needed to make "Bandana Land one of the best efforts of their careers. They are the direct opposite in personalities and talents, and in this play they will represent the two types which predominate in the colored race.

The book is by Jesse Shipp, the lyrics by Alex Rogers, the music by Will Marion Cook and Bert Williams, and the costumes by Mme. Pauline Reed. They are all colored people, and the various elements they have grafted into "Bandana Land" from the colored race, has made it a notable show, filled to the overflow with true Negro humor and comedy. The splendid music, songs and melodies, the scenery and all the stage and electrical effects are new and attractive; and they make a brilliant an dfitting background for this new musical comedy of Dixieland.

BANDANA LAND AND ITS PEOPLE.

Show Scores Heavily During Indianapolis Engagement—Things and Matters as Seen by J. D. Howard.

In "Bandana Land," the new show Williams and Walker presented last week to Indianapolis theater-goers, is brought out all of the old-time humor and situations common to the early successes in minstrelsy. This does not imply that the show is built along "jube" lines. The piece is a happy blending of all the stuff necessary to bring out that which most amuses its patrons and what colored performers are best adapted in handling.

No pretensions are made toward the operatic, no straining at ambitious scenario; and yet, everything was there required to perfect and lend coloring to each picture of Negro life in a natural way. To this very naturalness in construction, with its wealth of rich comedy situations, is due the remarkable success of the show.

Comparing "Abyssinia" with "Bandana Land," regarded strictly in a spectacular light, it would appear at a glance a rather disparaging ratio of merit for the latter. And yet, who of us can say that the sacrifice of the pomp, parade and ambitious attempt at historical exactness featured in "Abyssinia" to the commoner and more natural picture of the real Negro shown in "Bandana Land" is not a step forward to *real art* and the bringing out of real actors? Too long has been the colored performers' stay in the realm of cheap, slap-stick buffoonery.

Messrs. Ship and Rogers have demonstrated most thoroughly their versatility as playwrights. It has been often said that the time has not yet come when the white people will listen to the sorrows of the Negro on the stage. The time may not "be here," but it is encouragingly near at hand if the beautiful eulogy "to the bandana handkerchief," so pathetically rendered by George Walker in the second act (with soft music, etc.,) is to be considered as a "feeler." The authors deserve special mention for their temerity to thus slap tradition in the face and bring their star, if only for a moment, out of his grinning, laughing, dancing self into another character wrapped in the sorrow of memories recalled of his dead mother by the sight of a bandana handkerchief. It was a nice bit of diversion, and was done with the pathos of a Faversham or an Edson. The applause was long and convincing at each performance, which all tends to show that the time is here, or very nearly here, when flights of sentimentality will be just as essential to a well-written Negro play as to that of a white one.

In the first act we are given one of the best pastoral settings, with every detail as to environment and naturalness brought out, that I have ever seen in any colored show. It was very much "Way Down East" in its fidelity to nature. The "Corporation" stunt, with this setting behind it, is sure to find its way into vaudeville, where it is destined to enjoy a long and prosperous life simply because it will give to vaudeville one of the newest pictures of Negro life. When plays of the character of "Bandana Land" become the rule rather than the exception, there will come in requisition constant need of strong character men which will make such performers as John Loubrie Hill and Alex. Rogers featured stars. As "pap Rubes" they are in Denman Thompson's class. So much for "shop;" now for the ham and greens and *"don't p'int yo' finger in my face."*

One of the distinctly enjoyable affairs during the engagement of Williams and Walker was a home cooked country dinner at the home of the writer. It consisted of all the things we were used to "down yonder." It was served in honor of Williams, Walker, Troy, Shipp, Knox and Greathouse. Throughout the meal much "meadow" was sown, and the breezes wafted many "zephyrs" and fishy tales. Messrs. Shipp and Troy were the chief "promoters."

MEMPHIS STROLL.

By JAS. EDW. SIMPSON.

The weather here is fine—just like summer—and all the shows on the Stroll are playing to packed houses.

ROYAL.—The Royal Stock Company is giving its patrons another surprise, putting on a farce comedy in one act and four scenes, entitled "Miss Hannah from Savannah," by Miss Carrie Hall, of Macon, Ga., a new member of the stock company. Act staged and arranged by R. R. Mathews, Jr. Cast of characters is as follows: Mr. Brown, of Blackville society, R. R. Mathews, Jr.; Bad Pete, a bad man, J. E. Simpson; Officer Dooley, Louis Tynsley; Little Eddie, a ticket seller, Eddie Wilkins; Uncle Jim, Hannah's father, Bon Bon Buddy; Aunt Dinah, Hannah's mother, Miss Ida Gardner; Comsee, Hannah's little sister, Miss Blanche Arlington; Mrs. Brown, president of Blackville society, Miss Ada Harris; Hannah from Savannah, a girl without sense, Miss Carrie Hall. Included with the usual number of vaudeville acts by the entire company, featuring Miss Carrie Hall, singing the Indian song, "Rainbow," taking several encores, assisted by the Misses Harris, Arlington and Gardner, Messrs. Mathews, Simpson and Briggs. Miss Carrie Hall sends best regards to Mr. and Mrs. Piccolo Jones.

AMUSE-U.—Put on a very pleasing vaudeville show, closing with two laughable farce comedy acts by Eugene Clark ("The Booking Agent" and "Lucinda's Birthday").

Mr. and Mrs. Kidd Love celebrated their two years of married life by giving a party to the performers of the Stroll. There were singing, dancing, good music and plenty of refreshments. Every one had a good time until time to go to their respective theaters, everybody leaving in good spirits, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Love the best of success.

Mr. Henry Jennings has been suffering the last few days with a slight touch of pneumonia, but glad to say that he was able to make his appearance behind the footlights as usual.

GEM.—Gave their usual number of vaudeville acts, introducing two new acts, Cox and Cox, singing, talking and dancing comedians, and Ed F. Peat, with his eccentric dancing, leaving the stage with the audience screaming, closing with a drama by Willie Perry, "Black Hawk, the Detective."

TICK'S.—Had a very pleasing vaudeville show, introducing a new face in Miss Alice Ramsey, closing with a comedy act by John Goodloe, "Which Is Which?" Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe send their best regards to S. T. Dunsmore.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL'S SYMPOSIUM.

The marriage of Miss Jennie Pearl and Jolly John Larkins has been the chief topic of the day in theatrical circles. Miss Pearl, who has been S. H. Dudley's leading lady since the retirement of Marion Smart, is clever and pretty, and it is doubtful whether Mr. Dudley will ever be able to replace her from a chorus selection.

That Miss Pearl has severed her connection with the "Smart Set" company is regretful to all and no doubt quite a blow to Mr. Dudley, with whom we sincerely sympathize. It is not that we blame Miss Pearl for getting married, for, after all, it is love itself that is to blame for allowing itself to be struck by the darts of Cupid in such unusual entanglement.

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For the lands sake! what has become of Richards & Pringles Georgia Minstrels? Are we to never hear any more tidings of Clarence Powell?

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As to vaudeville, I do not think that an organization would be of any avail at present. There will come a time, but the opportunity has not as yet traditionally presented itself.

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There is rumor that the great singer Anna Cook has rejoined the Cole & Johnson company. We hope so. At all events, we should be able to know by watching the reflections of the "Red Moon Rays" from Hunter county.

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Has Harrison Stewart been lost in New York or did his Chiacgo reputation only make of him an emergency man? Has he been serving an Eastern apprenticeship or where is he and what is he doing? Mr. Stewart is a very promising young actor and it may be that he is losing time by not knowing what to do. It would hardly do to tell him. No, let him learn for himself.

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Bert A. Williams and his $100,000 pool syndicate hasn't had its first meeting yet. Now, if this very sporty, well-to-do actor will see Cal Johnson, manager of the Lincoln Theatre, of Knoxville, Tenn., and get the money together, there may be a ghost of a chance to get Jeffries to take on Johnson. This is not stage news exactly; the stage has no charitable news at present. There is no actors' fund and there has been no foundation laid even for a frog's house, and it is late in life for Williams to begin advertising himself.

PITTSBURG, PA., SHOW SHOP.

By JASSIMINE.

We are still having fine weather; in fact, so fine that strolling along the Avenue at the present time is almost the same as "in the good old summer time," and everybody is taking advantage of the nice weather. The vaudeville houses continue to offer good bills and are having large crowds nightly.

Harry Brooks, the well-known blackface comedian, who has been playing engagements in this city for the past three weeks, was one of the features in the benefit performance for the local billposters' union at the Bijou Theatre last Friday night.

Newton Green, the well-known monologist, and Richard Magens, a very clever comedian of this city, have joined hands and will be seen together in vaudeville in the near future.

G. Harry Bolden, the pleasing vocalist, is now filling engagements throughout the city.

Ellis Graves, the phenomenal whistler, who has been playing the Gus Sun circuit, is now enjoying a much needed rest at his home in this city.

Another pair of the Avenue's favorites has leaped into prominence as song writers in the last few months, in the person of Foster O. White, the well-known pianist, and Billie Butler, the well-known trap drummer, now located at the Fulton Theatre. One of their songs, "I'm Happy When I Think of You," was introduced last week by Miss Alice Wheatley, a white contralto, at a popular song recital in this city, and was highly commented upon. Their other successes are "When One Is Lost in Thought," "Gee, But I Do Like Someone," and "I'm Goin' to Take Life as It Comes," the latter a very good "coon song."

Hiney Martin, the hustling little manager of the Lyceum Theatre, who has been suffering with a cold for the past few weeks, is very much improved.

The Independent Band, a young colored organization of this city, is doing fine and bids fair to become noticeable in the near future. It is under the direction of Oliver Steath, one of the city's well-known musicians and also musical director at the Lyceum Theatre.

The Avenue is in an uproar. It has been reported that Bob Baker, the well-known vocalist, has challenged E. K. Thum, the well-known newsdealer, who handles THE FREEMAN and all other good reading matter, to run a Marathon race.

Edward H. Winn, one of the country's best known colored performers, who retired from the stage some time ago, is now conducting an up-to-date printing shop in Fulton street.

THE LYCEUM. This house offers a splendid bill this week. Billie and Clara Better, in a singing and talking act, were fair. Lyle's Actors, a company of white performers, were very clever, their work consisting of sketches, singing and dancing. The comedian of the company did real well, but he did not seem to know how to make up, as he presented a very funny appearance. Illustrated songs and moving pictures closed the bill.

THE FULTON. This house offers a very good bill this week, headed by Travis & Hayden, a pair of white sketch artists, in a very funny German skit that was well received. Then came Neil Matthews, known as the "Human Mocking Bird." Mr. Matthews presented a very neat act; he is a whistler of rare ability, and as an imitator he is far above the average. Then came the ever-popular R. G. Baker in illustrated songs that always please, and moving pictures closed a very good bill.

TOURING EUROPE.

"The American Jubilee Singers," now touring Europe, recently appeared in Liverpool, England, where the company met with fair success. The publications of that city spoke commendingly of the show, but thought the audiences, while appreciative enough, might have been larger. One of the publications said:

"While they make a sort of specialty of the folk songs of the Southern States, and especially those referring to the oppressed slave, they are by no means limited to these. They have an extensive repertoire, and on occasion can sing gems of the operas and other classical music. The personnel is as follows: D. W. Brown (director), first tenor; Anna C. de Acklen, soprano; Ethel Mitchell McGhee, soprano; Ellanette Hamilton, contralto; W. Finley, first bass; Ethel Mitchell McGhee, accompaniest. Mr. Illingworth is the organist, and also shared in the honors of the piano accompaniments."

Here follows a partial program in the style of the English paper, which doubtless will be interesting to many:

"Their programme last evening was composed in large measure of Negro melodies, with other sections interspersed. The most successful items, gauged by the applause of the audience, were 'Swing low, sweet chariot,' by Anna C. de Acklen; 'The Caliope' (comic) by the American Jubilee trio, for which they received an encore; 'Bobolink' (J. W. Bishoff), which was well rendered by Ethel Mitchell McGhee and deservedly encored; the sleighing chorus 'Jingle bells' (encored); 'My old Kentucky home,' sung with much feeling by Mr. D. W. Brown, and loudly applauded; the comic Chinese quartet 'Little Ah Cid,' which was very amusing, and called forth an unmistakable encore; the plantation melody, 'Massa's in the cold ground,' Mr. W. Finley, whose rendering was highly appreciated; the Negro folksong, 'Walk in Jerusalem just like John,' and the quartet 'Good-night, beloved' (Pinsuti)."

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Lincoln centenary was appropriately observed at both State and Chaflin Colleges Feb. 12. The following program was rendered at the State College: Prayer; music, chorus, "Hail, Orpheus, Hail!"; introductory remarks by Prof. N. C. Nix; music, "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, by L. Nash; music, "Old Black Joe"; eulogy on Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Brabham; solo, "Changeless," Miss Louise Blanding; address, "The Greatness of Lincoln," Prof. C. H. Uggans; select reading, Mrs. M. R. Coles; music, chorus, "The Colored National Hymn"; remarks, Prof. R. S. Wilkinson; music, "America." All the participants did credit to themselves...Mrs. Louise B. Fordham, teacher of history and drawing in the State College, has gone to the educational meeting at Tuskegee, Ala...On March 4, 1909, Tingley Memorial Hall, Claflin's new building for the grades, will be dedicated. This is a very beautiful building and is worth about $50,000...W. Rice and H. K. McKenion continue to do good business...W. E. Johnson, one of Orangeburg's most successful tailors, has been sick, but is up and conducting things in first-class style.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. William Ryan had an operation at the Deaconess Hospital...Frederick L. McGhee of St. Paul addressed the Lincoln Centennial Association Feb. 12, at the Elks Temple.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. G. Singer will give a birthday party in honor of her husband next Monday night, Feb. 22...The A. M. E. Church gave a social and concert last Thursday evening, which was well attended...Herman Tyler will remain in Kalamazoo until spring, when he will depart for Europe...Mrs. N. Bowlin has been very ill for some time, having undergone an operation at the Borgess Hospital. She will remain in the hospital for some time.

ROUTE.

P. G. LOWERY & MORGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS AND MINSTRELS—Marion, Ill., Feb. 22; Johnson City, 23; West Frankfort, 24; Benlow, 25; Salim, 26.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Denver, Col., Feb. 21-27.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Sapnepa, Okla., Feb. 22; Claremore, 23; Vinita, 24; Pawnee, 25; Tulsa, 26; Chandler, 27; Guthrie, 28.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER—Week of Feb. 22, Louisville, Ky.

BROWN AND HODGES—Week of Feb. 23, Los Angeles, Cal.

ALLEN'S MINSTRLES—St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 22.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

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Johnson, Roy.
Jones, Simon.
Kirk, Frank.
Pope, A. Roy.
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Williams, Mrs. Pewe
White, James.

Ladies' List.

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"Drinkin'," "Bon-Bon Buddie,"
"Any Old Place in Yankee Land is Good Enough for Me,"
"I'm Just Crazy 'Bout You,"
"Hard to Love Somebody,"
"Down Among the Sugar Cane" and
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THE NEWSPAPER GUY.

I see a man pushing his way through the lines
Of the cops where the work of the "fire fiend" shines.
"The chief?" I inquire—but a fireman replies:
"Oh, no! Why, that's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man walk through the door of a show
Where great throngs are blocked by the sign "S. R. O."
"Is this man the star, that no ticket he buys?"
"Star nothin'! He's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man start on the trail of a crook
And he scorns the police, but he brings him to book.
"Sherlock Holmes?" I inquire — someone scornfully cries:
"Sherlock H—! Naw, he's one of dese newspaper guys."

And some day I'll pass by the great "Gates of Gold,"
And see a man pass through unquestioned and bold.
"A saint?" I'll ask, and old Peter'll reply:
"No, he carries a pass—he's a newspaper guy."

—Benjamin Scoville in the Louisville *Herald*.

Let us have peace.

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It is expensive to be popular.

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It isn't safe to believe all one hears.

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The Boston *Guardian* still refuses to be happy.

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Silence is the best answer to the fool critic.

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All roads will lead to Washington about March 4.

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The "original Taft men"—of color—have multiplied amazingly.

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The "Black Cabinet" has not, as yet, sent out the C. O. D. signal.

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All roads now lead to Washington. Ye that are wise will travel therein.

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Collector H. A. Rucker of Georgia has confounded all of his would-be critics.

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An A. M. E. Bishop of Haiti is coming, "hull down on the horizon," so to speak.

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There will be enough glory to go around at Washington during the inaugural period.

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Ben Tillman is finding the collector of customs at Charleston a Crum of discomfort.

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What has become of the National Afro-American Council and the Constitutional League?

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The Negro's showing in the census of 1910 will be an eye-opener to both his friends and his foes.

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Maryland's decent citizens will defeat the disfranchisement amendment when it comes up in the fall.

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As secretary to the President, Mr. Fred W. Carpenter will prove to be the right man in the right place.

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The Negro candidate who has easy sailing is the one who declines to run for an office now held by a colored man.

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The Atlanta folks did manage to "get good" after all, and heard President-elect Taft under very favorable auspices.

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Fake "orphan asylums" and industrial schools "on paper" are getting "in bad" with people who keep their eyes open.

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The very general observance of the Lincoln Centenary indicated that the Negro is not forgetting the stirring events of '61-'65.

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Too many organizations among us consist only of a president and secretary. We need loyal followers as well as intelligent leaders.

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South Carolina's thrifty and progressive citizens have the "glad hand" extended already for Booker T. Washington, who comes to "look them over" in March.

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Secretary Loeb will "land" congenially—and on this side of the Atlantic. He is the colored man's friend and we shall be happy to see him happily cared for by the new administration.

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The Negro race will not profit by an unseemly scramble for the desirable jobs held by colored men. Let us preserve our dignity, though hungry for the loaves and fishes of federal office.

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Tuskegee Institute will be represented in the inaugural parade by Secretary Emmett J. Scott, who will ride a charger in the third division, very close behind Grand Marshal E. D. Williston.

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The Negro feature of the American Press Association is showing up strong. The race papers give evidence of sound judgment in giving it such a cordial reception. It is truly filling a long-felt want.

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The names of the "tricksters" who are fighting Register Vernon and Auditor Tyler remain unpublished. Will the Washington *Bee*, which professes to be in possession of the "dark secret," please turn on the light?

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Negro farmers, educators and business men will find it profitable to attend the Farmers' Conference at Tuskegee Institute February 17 and 18. The "experience meetings" on those dates are worth traveling many miles to hear.

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Whether the census jobs are handled through the members of Congress, or dealt out by the competitive examination system of the Civil Service Commission, the black man will get "his'n" if given an equal chance and fair play.

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The "Washington correspondents" who have no ambition to be handed a membership card for the Anannias Club are signing their names to all matter sent out by them. The anonymous letter-writer is usually both a liar and a coward.

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The Democrats in Congress, whom some of our brethren tried to support in the recent campaign, in order to "rebuke" the Roosevelt-Taft combination, are the only barriers that now stand between the Brownsville soldiers and justice. Comment is unnecessary.

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Will the fellows who stood by Bryan last fall now help take the heels of their friends off the necks of the Brownsville soldiers, and also persuade them to allow a Republican Senate to confirm the appointee of a Republican President, be he Negro, Jew, Gentile, or what not?

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The Baptists of the land everywhere should hearken unto the call of Dr. L. H. Jordan to come to the relief of the unfortunates in "Darkest Africa." We are indeed "our brother's keeper." In an enlightened Christian civilization we find the surest protection for all mankind.

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The word is being passed around, sub rosa, that the next Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is to be no less a personage than the Hon. Edward H. Morris of Chicago. If there is to be any objection—but what's the use if Brother Morris says he is willing to take the place again?

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Prof. Joseph S. Cotter, Louisville's poet laureate, author of "Caleb, the Degenerate," "Links of Friendship," and other poetical works of merit, is to write an "Ode to the National Negro Business League," which will form a part of the general address of welcome the Falls City will offer to Dr. Washington's great organization next August.

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Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity for an educated ministry to labor for the uplift of the colored people. In urging greater preparation on the part of the "Lord's chosen," Bishop E. W. Lampton puts in a word in season. In insisting that all who serve under him must measure up to the proper intellectual as well as moral standard, he gives a practical emphasis to the doctrine he preaches. A church flock can scarcely be expected to rise higher than the moral and mental stature of its shepherd. The preacher should be made to "come clean."

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A subscription pledged to a public institution is a legitimate debt, and the person who promises to pay is as deeply obligated to pay it as any other debt. Any man who rises in an assembly and pledges a sum of money merely to "show off" should be prosecuted, should he fail to live up to his promise.

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The "Washington correspondents" who are doing the "devilment" are pretty clever at keeping under cover. Nevertheless, the old maxim that "murder will out" will be again vindicated soon, for "clever folks," in their eagerness to show how smart they think they are, will eventually give themselves away in an unguarded moment. Watch it.

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Auditor Ralph W. Tyler is a journalist unto the manor born. He can say more in a small space than any other writer of the race. In "three sticks" he answered the flimsy strictures of the Washington *Herald* more effectually than the average literateur could have done in two columns. "Multum in parvo" and Tylerism are synonymous.

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Bishop Lampton takes high ground on the duty of man to protect womanhood. Addressing the Louisiana Conference of the A. M. E. Church at Franklin, La., the great prelate declared: "I stand ready to go with the whites right into h— to protect a woman, white or black, against a fiend!" That is the stand every true gentleman, white or black, is ready and willing to take in the performance of such a duty.

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In other days the good colored people of Augusta, Ga., dated happenings from the beginning of the Christian era. With no less regard for the Blessed Master, the Augustans, in their enthusiasm for modern circumstances, are dating all happenings from "the day Taft was here." The visit of the President-elect means to the Negro of the South a Providence-ordained new dispensation, and on one should begrudge them their happiness over the prospect of coming into their own.

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Give something to the Douglass Memorial Fund. The Negro cannot more forcibly demonstrate his public spirit than by contributing his dollars to provide for the race a "Mecca" like unto that the other race has established in memory of George Washington at Mount Vernon. If the necessary $4,800 is not raised during the Lincoln-Douglass celebration period, the difference ought to be made up at once by a mite from each Negro in every community in the land.

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Tuskegee Institute has sent out 1,175 persons with diplomas and certificates, 927 have received academic diplomas, 172 have received grade certificates only, and 76 have received Bible school certificates. Forty-two graduates are at the head of schools—24 conducting industrial schools and 18 are principals of public schools in cities and towns. Of 130 other graduates, 19 are teachers of agriculture, and 111 are teaching the trades. This excellent showing indicates that the training received at Tuskegee is hitting the mark.

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The poor colored man who is compelled to pay fancy prices for garden truck in the crowded city can secure a plot of ground just out of town and without an appreciable outlay, raise enough vegetables for his family, and through chickens and eggs, and perhaps a cow on the side, make one dollar do the work of four under the conditions that now confront him. The garden is the poor man's sheet anchor of hope, if he could only be made to realize it in time.

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William L. Houston, the banner Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, is still receiving congratulatory messages, praising his speeches and commending his dignified, yet genial bearing during his recent tour through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and other States. White and colored press vied in giving him big "write-ups," and Mr. Houston's influence with the people was rated not far behind that of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Grand Master Houston's address at the B. M. C. at Atlantic City in September was a masterpiece of logic and fact, and showed the order to be in a better condition than at any previous time in its history. Mr. Houston's second term bids fair to outrank in brilliance, personal popularity and augmented membership his first two years at the head of this prosperous order.

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John C. Asbury, the capable and scholarly editor of the *Odd Fellows' Journal* of Philadelphia, has been chosen as the next commencement orator at Tuskegee Institute. The selection commends itself to the favor of those who know of his strength and influence as a public speaker and logical thinker. Mr. Asbury is one of the pioneers in the cause of industrial training, and early saw the vast possibilities that lay in the natural correlation of the education of the hand along with the head. He recognized the trend of universal thought toward "doing things" as well as "knowing things," and speedily chimed in with the practical ideas put forward with such compelling emphasis by Booker T. Washington. Mr. Asbury stands high with the Republican party of Pennsylvania, and it would surprise no one if he should be called upon in the near future to don the judicial ermine—under the federal government—a work for which he is especially fitted and in which he would be sure to render excellent service.

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THE INCOMPETENCE OF THE PITTSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT.

By Sylvester Russell.

The war which has been brooding for the past few years between the colored population and the police department of Pittsburg, Pa., is nearing the crisis that will reach a turning point in favor of the colored people. The expressions of Police Captain Murray, that it is a crime for a Negro to wave his hand at a white woman or that at least he thinks so and will act accordingly, clearly demonstrates without any doubt whatever that he is ignorant, prejudiced and incompetent; and how can a city like Pittsburg with all its intelligence and self-respect stand for such a declaration as that from a police captain? If there is to be a race war in the free land of Pittsburg, the Negro will have less to lose and more to gain in the end than the white man.

The problems of race war have been well defined in the South and the North, by what we need not reiterate for the benefit of the best influential citizens and men of authority of Pittsburg. Let the race war come. The Negro is brave; he is growing braver every day; he knows that if he has no protection that he will have sense enough to give his life to protect himself. He is growing nearer to it at every sunset and he is just as willing for his own respectable family to die by the hands of thugs and rioters, innocently, as his white brother is. He is no more anxious for the militia to be called out than they are; anything will do that will serve as an end to overthrow the heads of departments of the present incompetent, uncouth, biased police force, to have the force reorganized in a manner that will assure every citizen justice and protection, regardless of race or color.

There is no use for the police of Pittsburg and the reporters of newspapers, principally of the Irish race, to spread the news that white women are being attacked and admitting that they are attacked in a well-lighted street, as a means to incite undue race feeling among intelligent people. It will only serve as a means of changing the political situation and result in the ousting not only of all the tainted parties of the police force but the grafters higher up as well, many of whom are already reaping a most disgraceful reward for all the bad seed they have sown.

The sequel of the trouble between the poor Irish girl and the sporting colored individual of Pittsburg, to come right out with the plain truth, is that the poor white girl has not been properly treated or supported by the poor white man, and with her pretty face she has smiled upon the dandy colored sport and successful gambler who can dress her up like a lady and give her money to live on. It is the brazenness of this class of poor white women that has created all the trouble. It is hardly three months ago since I investigated the situation at Pittsburg. I sat as a stranger in two restaurants, one white and one colored, one evening taking observations of those notorious white women openly in communion with their colored lovers in those dining-rooms. I have seen these bad fast white women go in both white and colored restaurants and crowd out the respectable colored people to such an extent that respectable colored ladies would leave the restaurant in disgust.

And, now, what is the problem? The problem is simply this: There is but one disposition to be made of this class of people, who are generally living together. The only way is to arrest both parties as adulterers, by evidence. But the police of Pittsburg won't do that. They seek to arrest the colored man and at the same time assist the white woman to escape. The white woman, knowing of her freedom of sway, to steal from a colored person's household or graft from a colored sport or business man, as a common prostitute, and if she has it in for the man, she squeals to get square on her victim by causing alarm and claiming she is attacked.

The result which follows is appalling; whistles are blown; innocent respectable people of the colored race are attacked without protection and their homes are often looted by white crooks who have known what is in the house and have waited for just such an opportunity to land their plunder. The police force of Pittsburg is the worst regulated and the most incompetent that I have ever observed of any large city in the North. Never, not even in New York, have I ever witnessed such deliberate prejudice shown toward the colored race from the heads of departments down to the lowest and most ignorant policeman on the force. Why, a respectable colored person don't dare light in town at night, if a stranger, without being shadowed, halted and interrogated by a detective or policeman right on the street with threats of arrest and the reading of the riot act, alluding to how they do things in the South, and with threats to club you if you do not abide with their orders and then ridicule you when they let you go. If anyone were to ask for proof of this assertion, I could well define it.

The pride and well-being of respectable communities is law and order." If the best and majority element of the citizens do not concern themselves and see to it that order is maintained and that justice and protection is guaranteed to the colored race, I fear that continued persecution will make of them a very dangerous people.

The past former statement of Captain Murray, "The only way to stop Negro depredations in Pittsburg is to hang a few of them offhand," is sufficient evidence to cause him to lose his job. When the colored leaders came out with interviews blaming the police for their indiscriminate harshness, stating "that if they did not stop there would be blood shed," they told the truth. When Superintendent of Police Thomas McQuade retorted with "Those fellows who are talking had better keep their mouths shut," and "We are going to get rid of a lot of bad Negroes in Pittsburg," was no credit to him. He was addressing some of the foremost influential colored citizens, and, furthermore, he will have to get rid of some of the low-down trouble-brooding white women as well, and also subdue some of the ignorant white police who club innocent respectable colored people and join in the common friction.

The first step for the mayor of Pittsburg to take, as a common duty, will be to eliminate Superintendent McQuaide and Captain Murray for insult, incompetence and race hatred. This step would abridge further injustices and lawlessness. When he has these two offenders removed, the next thing in order would be to make a wholesome crusade and investigation of the entire police department and reorganize the force under a more reliable and stricter control of the proper authorities and then all the best people of Pittsburg and all the unbiased newspapers of the city should rally and see to it that common ignorance, riots and other unfair treatment should no longer be allowed, to control and terrorize the innocent people of the city.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. Dr. Batchler, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, preached several able sermons at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, which was largely attended. Prayer meetings were held at the Bethel A. M. E. Church in the afternoon, which were of much benefit. On February 2 Mrs. Mary Bell and Mrs. Blue led the prayer meeting. Revival meetings have closed at the Bethel A. M. E .Church....Mrs. Thomas Mounts, of Allen avenue, who has been quite ill, is able to be about....Born recently, to Mr. and Mrs. Wells, a fine son. ....Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of Madison street, a fine son, weighing five pounds....Mrs. Lillian Roberts Johnson, who was injured, is getting along nicely....Lucile Stewart and Mildred Fry are ill....Edward Terry, of Danville, Ill., who is at the Soldiers' Home there, returned to the home after a visit with his wife....Mrs. Mamie Edwards, of Carrolton, Ill., was visiting her parents recently, also friends....In mentioning the twelve names of the members of the Wednesday Art Club, Mrs. Mazie Mallory's name was omitted....Mrs. John McCree had the misfortune recently to sprain her arm, which is very painful....There was an old man in our city who had the misfortune to freeze his hand and feet during the cold weather. A liberal collection was taken up at several churches....The market which is held at the Bethel A. M. E. Church is proving quite a success.... Sunday was rally day at the Bethel A. M. E. Church for the trustees. In the afternoon Rev. Posten preached an able sermon to a good audience....Mr. Anderson, who is a student at the Blind Institute, has been very ill, but is some better now. ....Miss Young, of Pittsfield, Ill., sister of Rev. Mrs. Goff, is in the city to attend the High School....Born recently, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, of South Church street, a fine child....Sunday, February 7, thirty-seven persons were baptized at the Mount Emery Baptist Church. Rev. Mason baptized them. It was largely attended....Eugene Hayden, who was injured recently, is able to be about....The Friday Art Club met recently with Mrs. George Coffman, and was royally entertained....The C. W. B. M. met February 3 at the Second Christian Church, and was largely attended....The Wednesday Art Club met in their regular monthly meeting, at the beautiful home of Mrs. P. F. Dealy. After their regular routine of business and the installation of officers, the monthly program was rendered, the study being an afternoon spent with Paul Lawrence Dunbar. The following appeared on the program: Song, by the club; "Life of Paul Lawrence Dunbar," Mrs. L. W. Herndon; instrumental solo, "Paula Valse Caprice," Mrs. P. F. Dealy; reading, poem by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Mrs. Guy Washington; vocal solo, verses composed of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poems, Mrs. Edward Mallory; remarks by Dr. Bachelior, which were very instructive; a short talk by Frank Mallory on the life of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, as he was an intimate friend of Mr. Dunbar. After the program, Mrs. Dealy entertained the club members and guests at a seven-course 6 o'clock dinner. She was ably assisted by her accomplished daughter, Miss Cleota Pearl. The dining room was beautifully decrated in red and white, these being the club colors. The place cards were in red and white, and red and white carnations, pinks as souvenirs. The following gentlemen were invited for the evening: Dr. W. Bachelier, Frank Mallory, Edward Berry, Guy Washington, Wm. Parish, Louis Herndon, P. F. Dealy. Music for the evening was furnished by Mrs. Mazie Mallory, Mrs. Zenobia Agnew and Miss Cleota Pearl Dealy.

COVINGTON, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

A delightful luncheon was given at Glendale, O., in honor of the three African students of Wilberforce University and Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, of Xenia, O., by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, of Glendale....Mrs. D. M. Ross, who recently married Mr. Richard Smith, of this city, is most pleasantly located at the home of her husband on Sixth street....There is a great deal of preparation being made on the part of the colored people of this city in the celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. At the Ninth street M. E. Church there will be a special program rendered Sunday afternoon....A local Business League was formed here several weeks ago. It expects to send a delegation to the National League, which meets in Louisville the coming summer. Dr. Duncan was elected president.... Prof. Wm. H. Fouse is progressing nicely with his work as principal of Wm. Grant High School, of Covington. He came from Gallipolis, O., where he was the principal of the school there for four years, with high and honorable recommendations....Covington should feel proud to note the fact that some of its choicest colored citizens have formed a corporated company and have bought the beautiful site on the corner of Scott and Seventh streets, where now the colored drug store stands. Dr. A. D. Kelly is the president of the company, which is known as the Co-operative Realty Company. The present plan of the association is to build a building on the lot which will serve as a lodge meeting place, drug store and offices, as well as a flat or so....Miss Eva E. Webster, of the faculty of the Seventh street school, is still unable to resume her daily duties at school on account of illness....Miss Hazel Reed, the principal of the Independence School, was the guest of Miss Ruth B. Johnson, Saturday, and a part of Sunday last....Prof. Saffell, of Lawrenceburg, was the guest of Mrs. E. Delaney, of Latonia, for a few days last week. Prof. Saffell is a grand officer of the Odd Fellows, and was in Covington making his visits to the lodges....Rev. Miller has accepted the call to the Ninth Street Baptist Church....The union revival was quite a success. All of the Methodist churches took an active part. There were nearly one hundred additions. ....There has been organized a mutual benevolent sick and accident company in Covington, with headquarters at Dr. Duncan's drug store. Hon. B. F. Howard is the president.

JOPLIN, MO.

Special to The Freeman.

Don't forget to call at Rev. H. S. Curtis' barber shop, The Freeman headquarters, and purchase a copy. Only 5 cents to get the national news. Leave all news and announcements for the agent no later than Monday morning....Mr. J. H. Stewart, proprietor of the Stewart Cafe in South Joplin, is on the sick list....Mrs. Bud Philips, of Baxter Springs, Kan., is in the city visiting her husband, Mr. Bud Philips, who is chef at the House of Lords.... Mr. H. S. Reedy has returned from St. Louis and is at the Connor....Mr. F. L. Lolyd, formerly of the famous Gayoso, Memphis, Tenn., is the new head waiter of the new Palm Cafe of the Hotel Connor. He comes well recommended as a European man. The following waiters are under his management: Messrs. Wallace, Yookum, Parham, Russell, Emmons, Moore and Flemmings. The traveling public is loud in its praise of their excellent service....Rev. H. H. Curtis and wife spent last Sunday evening in Galena, Kan., where Rev. Curtis delivered one of his logical sermons at the A. M. E. church, of which Rev. T. W. Green is pastor. They report splendid services....Mrs. Catherine Eastman, wife of Wm. Eastman, second waiter at the Hotel Connor, was called to Pine Bluff, Ark., to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Viola Sanford, who is very ill....Mrs. Rebecca Burress, 319 S. Missouri, was the hostess to an elaborate informal reception Saturday, February 9, in honor of her uncle, Wm. Smith presiding elder of the Sedalia District. Many guests were present to extend their congratulations to the elder on the completion of his sixth anniversary as presiding elder in this district. The luncheon was served by the Misses Nellie Burress and Wait. Music was furnished by Master Clarence Pearson and assisted by Miss Nellie Burress. Among the distinguished guests present were: P. E. Wm. Smith, Hon. A. W. Lloyd, G. C. of the K. of P. of St. Louis, Mo. Every one went away highly elated over the affair....Hon. A. W. Lloyd, of St. Louis, Mo., G. C. of the K. of P. Lodge of the State of Missouri, arrived in the city Friday evening and held a special session with the Orient Lodge No. 11 of Joplin. The members of the lodge turned out in full and showed a warm reception to the G. C. After the business session a grand smoker and luncheon was tendered. Much pleasure was enjoyed until a late hour....The new Curtis Cornet Band rendered excellent music at the K. of P. meeting last Friday evening.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to The Freeman.

The great minstrel show given under the auspices of Mars Lodge No. 2202, G. U. O. of O. F., at Tschida Hall, on February 3, drew the largest crowd of any of the recent entertainments. It was a grand success in every way. Mr. Craig Williams had charge of the musical program....Scott R. Walker has sold his saloon and will go to Nevada for his health....The mock congress given under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U., at Pilgrim Baptist Church, on February 8, was quite a success. There was a great debate on the subject, "Should Southern Representation in Congress be Reduced?" ....W. S. Moffitt, one of our old and highly respected citizens, died on February 5, and was buried from St. James A. M. E. Church on last Monday....Friday, February 12, being the one hundredth birthday anniversary of the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, the citizens prepared a grand celebration, that was given under the auspices of the State Grand Lodge of U. B. F. and S. M. T., at Hiawatha Temple, on Wabasha street. The program was one of the best heard in years. There was a Lincoln symposium, in which the speakers were as follows: Rev. W. D. Carter, Rev. H. S. Graves, Rev. Henderson, W. T. Francis, Esq., and Mr. F. D. Parker....Mr. L. J. Thompson received such rough treatment during a recent initiation into a lodge that he was laid up several days under the care of the doctor....The services at St. James A. M. E. Church were well attended. On the first Sunday in the month great interest is manifested in the different lay sermons delivered by prominent citizens.....Mrs. Isaiah Hill, of Chicago, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. H. Lyles, returned to her home in Chicago....Pilgrim Baptist Church is preparing to have grand services on Easter Sunday. The new pipe organ will be dedicated and a new hardwood floor will be put in by that time.... Mrs. Fannie Dodd Sears has been added to the list of contributors to the Teachers' Quarterly of the National Baptist Publication Society of Nashville, Tenn.... Mr. T. R. Morgan will take the St. James choir to Newport, Minn., on the evening of February 16. They will give a concert at one of the leading churches in that city.

HUMPHREY, ARK.

Editor of The Freeman:

Rev. G. W. Johnson was in Little Rock recently....Dr. F. B. Adair has removed from this place to England....Our three churches held union meeting last Sunday, as follows: The A. M. E. Church at 11 a. m., the C. M. E. at 3 p. m., and the First Baptist at 7 p. m., and the results along all lines were great....Mrs. L. C. Childs is traveling in the interest of the Circle....Mrs. Rena Harris worshiped at A. M. E. Church Sunday....N. E. Gross will soon have the butcher trade all to himself.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

S. Anderson found his horse last week. ....Some fellow sold Elbert Randle a stolen horse last week....Mr. Bill Orr and Senie Orr were sick last week....Mr. Jack Foster and wife, of Mississippi, are making Mineola their home....Mr. Columbus Davis and Louisa Brookers were married last week, and also Tom Williams and Mrs. Mary Bivins....Mr. Charlie Wesley is very sick, and also is Mrs. A. Carter....Mr. T. D. Woodard has plenty of syrup for sale.

NOTICE OF CHATTEL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss.:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, No. 17620.
Frank R. White, doing business as F. R. White, Tr., vs. Thomas S. Winters.
COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of February, 1909, said plaintiff filed the above entitled cause in said Court, for the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage, together with an affidavit showing the absence of defendant from the State of Indiana, for the purpose of avoiding service of summons. At is appearing from said affidavit that said defendant is a necessary party to said suit and that plaintiff has by indorsement on said complaint required said defendant, Thomas S. Winters, to appear in said Cout and answer or demur thereto on the 12th day of April, 1909.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, the defendant, Thomas S. Winters, is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 12th day of April, 1909, in said Court at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Joe Walcott is booked to go on the road.

What about Joe Gans as the third man?

Jack Johnson is expected in America March 11.

Sure we can use that sporting news. Send it to us.

Pitcher Sagle will be in line with Indianapolis again next season.

Is is true that there is a trace of Negro blood in James J. Jeffries' veins?

Few people know the correct name of Tommy Burns; it is Noah Brussq.

Marvin Hart and Jim Barry will meet in New Orleans Wednesday for a twenty-round fight.

An Australian football team is in California to play the Rugby game. Season not over yet.

There will be no danger of the South getting a match between Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries.

John Holmer of New Orleans is out for a match. Holmer is known as the Creole champion of Louisiana.

Tommy Burns, the ex-champion of the heavyweight division, is estimated to be worth $200,000. Why should he worry?

Stanley Ketchell draws the color line on Sam Langford, but he states his desire to meet Johnson. Is Johnson colored?

Dorando Pietri, the Italian Marathon runner, defeated a picked relay team in a sixteen-mile race at the Coliseum, Indianapolis, last Saturday night.

Canada beat England in America, when Longboat, the Indian runner of Toronto, defeated Alfred Shrubb, the English Marathon runner, at New York.

Johnny Coulon, of Chicago, has added another victory to his record by knocking Kid Murphy in New York. Coulon is the bantamweight champion of America.

Stanley Ketchell, the middleweight champion of the world, and Jack O'Brien have been matched to box six rounds before the National Sporting Club of "Philly" in March.

Race prejudice is so strong against Johnson that none of the Governors south of the Ohio River will give their consent to allow a match between the two fighters in their States.

Whenever a new champion comes before us there are always a lot of other fighters to take on the same name, prefixed such as Young Jack Johnson, Kid Johnson, and Young Arthur Johnson.

Tommy Burns won more than $100,000 by beating such alleged fighters as Bill Squires, Gunner Moir, Jack Palmer and Jem Roche, while he has received $30,000, win, lose or draw with Jack Johnson in Australia.

Would Johnson last with Jeffries as long as did Joe Choyinski, who fought him to a 25-round draw? Choyinski estimates Jack as Jeffries' superior. This fellow was defeated in 27 rounds by James J. Corbett, who stayed 23 rounds with Jeffries.

Johnson's victory over Burns has caused a lot of the old ringsters to come out of retirement; but all except James J. Jeffries have not been looked upon with much favor. Gus Ruhlin is now meditating. He would like to have another fight with Johnson.

Jeffries said the first of the year that Jack Johnson could not stand the pace of either Corbett or Fitzsimmons if they could get back in "half the form" they showed when in their prime. Half the form he said, yet he will take no chances on meeting him in half his old-time form. The sports would like very much for Corbett or Fitzsimmons to regain their endurance, aggressiveness and science and meet the black wonder, but it is out of the question to consider these two. Johnson is too much for them.

GRIFFIN HOME UNTIL SPRING.

Leonard Griffin is in the city for a stay until April. Griffin is a member of the Louisville Giants, for whom he will pitch next season. Leonard is an old ex-A.B.C. star.

LEONARD BAND CONCERTS.

Special to The Freeman.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Special.—The Leonard Brass Band opened a series of Sunday band concerts last Sunday at the Athletic Park. The Hubert Giants are playing strong baseball and are desirous of games. C. W. Hubert, manager of the Giants, would like to hear from some classy nines. Address, 721 East Ninth street.

MACEO CLUB BASEBALL HEADQUARTERS.

Special to The Freeman.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.— Special.—The Maceo Club will be the headquarters during the coming season for baseball players and fans of this city. The teams are booking many new and strong players. The Maceo invites visitors to call at the club when in Minneapolis.

NELSON STINGS TEXAS CHAMP.

Special to The Freeman.

FT. WORTH, Tex.—Battling Nelson has added another knockout to his credit. Scheduled to box a friendly bout with Pete Shaughnessy, the Texas champion, last week, the latter tried to mix it up with the champion. In the third round Bat slipped one over to the stomach and it was all off with the Texan. The Batter is now on his way to the coast, and will try to get on a match with Freddie Welsh or Packey McFarland.

KAUFMAN OUT OF QUESTION.

Special to The Freeman.

FRESNO, Cal.—Sam Berger, Jim Jeffries' sparring partner, is busy throwing cold water on the report that Jeff may be induced to meet Al Kaufman. Berger is of the opinion that Jeff is looking for bigger game than Kaufman and says that Jim is doing light training every day.

Jeffries himself appeared very much surprised that Billy Delaney should offer to bet $10,000 on Kaufman, saying that "Kaufman could not lick a postage stamp."

YOUNG CORBETT DEFEATED.

Special to The Freeman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Phil McGovern, the youngest brother of Terry McGovern, the former champion featherweight boxer, beat Young Corbett of this city in a six-round bout at the Broadway Athletic Club, in the presence of a big crowd. The bout was the Brooklyn lad's in every round after the first. The Philadelphia boy had his nose bleeding in the second round and the blood flowed from it in every round till the end of the bout. Young McGovern showed gameness and made several hot rallies, but gradually weakened under the shower of blows that Phil rained on him, and in the six round went to the mat from hard punches on the head.

THINKS JEFF IS BLUFFING; NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING

Johnson Believes Him to Be Insincere —Prefers to Fight in Australia—Side Bet.

Special to The Freeman.

Richmond, Va.—Special.—In a letter from Jack Johnson in Australia to W. H. Mosely of this city, the colored champion says he thinks Jeffries is only bluffing and does not intend to fight him; that he would welcome a meeting with Jeffries; that he would prefer to have such a fight held in Australia; that if they were to fight in America he would insist on a colored referee; that in a fight in Australia he wouldn't be particular about the referee, and that he would be willing to fight for $50,000 or $100,000, with a $10,000 side, bet, winner to take all.

In the letter Johnson says he thinks Langford the best fighter in the world, outside of himself, and that he surely will whip Sam when they get together in England. Johnson says he has a few weeks of theatrical dates yet to fill in Australia and then will go to England.

BURNS-JOHNSON FILMS.

Tommy Burns Wants to Meet Jack Johnson Once More.

Special to The Freeman.

LONDON, Eng.—Hugh McIntosh, who promoted the now famous Burns-Johnson battle, has arrived here from Australia. He has all the films of the recent fight and has the sole right to dispose of them.

McIntosh declares that Burns will arrive here in about six weeks and would like to meet the colored champion before one of the local fight clubs. He still thinks that he (Burns) is Johnson's master, and is willing to fight almost for nothing so he can win back his lost laurels.

TERRE HAUTE TO HAVE BOXING.

Lakeside Athletic Club Asks for Charter—Result of Indianapolis Bouts.

Special to The Freeman.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—The fight promoters who had been waiting to see if Governor Marshall would permit the bout at Indianapolis this week, have sent to Indianapolis to the secretary of state for a charter for the Lakeside Athletic Club, and will begin scheduling boxing exhibitions at once. Several business men who like the game are in the club, and the local authorities have been assured that there will be nothing objectionable that will cause them to regret being passive. The local authorities feel that if bouts can be pulled off in Indianapolis there is no reason why Terre Haute should not have the sport.

NEGRO IS BARRED FROM GAME.

Special to The Freeman.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Members of the Missouri basketball team drew the color line on their arrival in Lincoln yesterday, and refused to engage in the annual game with Nebraska until Wood, the colored forward of the Cornhuskers, and star of the team, had been removed. Nebraska complied, under protest, and a little bad feeling was engendered. It was the first protest made against Wood this season. The game saw a renewal of athletic relations between Nebraska and Missouri, which were broken off several years ago largely on account of the color line. Missouri won, 26 to 24.

KNOCKED OUT ELEVEN COLORED PUGS.

Danny Goodman, a little Hebrew fighter from Chicago, is likely to be the opponent of Young Saylor at the next show at the Auditorium. Danny says he has been unusually successful when battling colored pugilists. He cites through his record the fact of having lain thirteen colored men who had the temerity to match him, eleven of them falling hard via the knockout route.

And the last one, he says, was the softest of them all, the battle lasting only 27 seconds, which time includes the time taken by the referee to count his opponent out.

"FLY WEIGHT" CLASS.

New Class Set at 112 Pound Limit—Bantam Limit at 118.

The National Sporting Club of London recently appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Angle, Corri, Douglass and Vise, all noted followers of the ring and expert referees, to revise the weights in the different classes. After careful deliberation the committee decided to add a new classed and called it the "fly weight," setting the limit at 112 pounds.

They placed the bantam weight limit at 118 pounds, which was formerly the featherweight limit. Then they fixed the lightweight limit at 135, the welterweight at 147, the middleweight at 161, and the heavyweight at 175. They did not alter the featherweight limit, which on the other side is 126 pounds. No provision was made for that class of boxers fighting from 105 to 110 pounds. It is not believed that this new scale will prevail in this country.

FUND FOR FOWLER IS ON FOOT.

The baseball players and fans of Indianapolis are expected to contribute liberally to the fund for Mr. Fowler, as he has played here and is well-known in this city. If we are a fellow's friends, let's show it when he is in need and distress. This wonderful ball expert deserves the support of every Negro sportsman in the country, as he is now in bad health. His ability as a ball player was at one time the talk of the country.

Crawfordsville and Terre Haute, Ind., will doubtlessly be among the liberal contributors to this benefit, as Fowler was a prominent feature in their diamond circles, playing on teams in both cities.

F. D. Ellis, who is in charge of the fund, will gladly receive any amount contributed. He may be addressed in care of the Brooklyn *Daily Eagle*, Brooklyn, N. Y. Those desiring to do so may send their contributions to this fund to The Freeman, with names and addresses of donors, and they will be forwarded to Mr. Ellis.

ATTELL REFUSED TO FIGHT.

Special to The Freeman.

DAYTON, O.—Abe Attell, champion featherweight of the world, refused to take part in his scheduled twenty-round bout with Ray Bronson of Indianapolis last Thursday because the latter was two and one-half pounds over weight. Every inducement was made to get Attell into the ring with Bronson without avail. The weight was to have been 126 pounds at 6:30 p. m. Attell weighed 124 and Bronson 128 1-2. In refusing to go on with the match, Attell admitted that he regarded Bronson a strong lightweight, and made the statement that he was through boxing lightweights.

When Attell first got a look at Bronson and saw by the scales that he was overweight, after the latter had stripped to weigh in, he announced emphatically that the match was off. The champion refused to listen to the urgent pleading of the club managers, who offered him additional money and other inducements.

FAILS TO FILL ENGAGEMENT.

Special to The Freeman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Those left in the lurch by Packey McFarland's sudden flight to Chicago are taking an uncharitable view of the lightweight's action. McFarland announced he had made up his mind to start home on receiving disturbing news of his mother's illness. Promotor Jim Coffroth and Willis Britt say this is all bosh; that Packey "flew the coop" because he could not train down to 133 pounds for Dick Hyland.

Charges are made that McFarland dropped hints in respect to his intentions. It is said Packey remarked to a friend: "I'll have an awful time making 133 pounds, and if an opportunity of breaking the match presents I will avail myself of it."

Perkins, manager of Dick Hyland, said: "The plain truth is, McFarland is afraid of Dick. They went ten rounds at Los Angeles, Hyland improving every round."

Jim Coffroth said: "My private opinion is McFarland cannot make 133 pounds any more. That, however, is his business, not mine. He signed to box at 133 and had his eyes open when he did so. He declared himself out in a peculiar manner by trumping up a story that his mother was sick. I say this advisedly. There is nothing in the sickness story. McFarland simply ran out."

JABEZ WHITE IS HERE.

English Lightweight Champion in America to Meet All Comers.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK.—Jabez White, the English lightweight champion, is in the city. There is no lightweight in England who will meet him, so he is forced to come here again. He has held the English championship seven years, beating, among others, Bill Chester, Jim Curran, Dave Wallace, Bill Newell, George Corfield and Bob Russell for the English title.

He also beat Spike Sullivan twice and Mike Sears. He fought Jimmy Britt for the world's title, getting a decision against him at the end of twenty rounds. It was all White's for fifteen rounds, then he became weak, having only arrived in America four weeks previously, after a terrible trip on the Cedric. He remainder here two days and then went to Frisco to enter into active training for three weeks.

This time his purpose is to try and get a match with Battling Nelson. He will fight some of the other American lightweights to show his merit and right to fight Nelson for the world's championship. He has been sent here by a party of Birmingham backers and has been put into the hands of Tom O'Rourke to direct his affairs.

MORE FIGHTERS THAN THERE ARE BOXERS

Boxer Displays More Science—Jack Johnson, Heavyweight Champion, Fighter and Boxer.

Fighters are many today and boxers few. It seems as though the style of fighting that made John L. Sullivan famous is coming into vogue again, while the boxers of the Corbett stamp are few as bluebirds in winter.

The boxing fans like to see a good, scientific match where the fine points are shown rather than a slugging match.

Ring generalship is applauded more than a chance, swift punch that has sleep-producing qualities.

When a man like Jim Driscoll starts at the clang of the bill with skillful and well-planned blows to show how much he knows of the boxing game, the crowd of spectators grunt with pleasure and never take their eyes from the ring long enough to light up a fresh cigar.

A slugging match is of a much lower order and of less interest. Between two men who have long haggled over the conditions of a match the knockout route is really a satisfaction and many times it would be well if both the boxers could be made to sleep over the count of ten.

Ketchel, Papke, Nelson and Burns are essentially fighters of the John L. type.

Fighters pure and simple are they, and not in the boxing class. When they step into the ring they think not so much of the fine points of the squared ring as they do of the grim bulldog idea of beating their opponent by hook or crook but fairly, of course. With that same bulldog tenacity they borei n, bore in constantly, many times leaving themselves open to hard punches in order to land one themselves.

Ketchell, during the past year, has won the middleweight championship by such tactics, and only lost one of eight battles in the year.

Papke has won five, drawn one, lost two and fought two no-decision bouts.

Battling Nelson, the holder of the lightweight title, has won three out of seven bouts. He did not lose a fight last year. His name of Battling gives a good idea of his standard of fighting, and he has earned the nickname.

Jack Johnson, the champion of them all, is a queer combination of fighter and boxer, and it was his boxing qualities that won him the title over Tommy Burns, who is a plain fighter.

Not that the fighters have not a degree of science. They have, but in some cases it has not been developed, and in others it would be impossible to teach them more than they know naturally.

Abe Attell is a boxer and so is Jim Driscoll. Attell has the featherweight championship as a result of his science. If it were not for Driscoll's cleverness and speed he would not amount to anything in the ring. He has not the punch to make a fighter, but he is a marvel as a boxer.

A match between a fighter and a boxer is always of interest, especially from the scientific point of view. The master of the points circles around his adversary, punching him almost at will, and easily keeps out of the way of the savage rushes of the fighter. It behooves the boxer to warily watch for those rushes, for one wicked jolt at close quarters would end the fight, and science would not count for much.

CHAMPION LELAND GIANTS TO GO SOUTH FOR SPRING TRAINING.

First Time in History of Game That a Semi-Professional Team Goes on Training Tour.

President Buregaurd Mosley and Manager Rube Foster of the Leland Giants Amusement Company have decided to send the champions on an early spring tour, providing they can find enough teams in the many different cities to play the Giants. This will be the first time in the history of national game a semi-professional team, black or white, has ever been sent on a training tour. The arrangement for the present year brought it about. Chicago, Milwaukee and Joliet have a league of star clubs with a regular appointed commissioner under the protection of the American and National League. The committee of three appointed by the American and National League selected as one of the clubs. This bit of news startled the baseball world. From a local standpoint, it looks like the Lelands are about to break that strong barrier of race prejudice. Everything depends on the results of this year. There is no one in or around Chicago, black or white, who has any doubt about the outcome, as they are all clean baseball players and gentlemen on and off the field. Without a doubt they are the biggest drawing card in this section of the country and would have been a dangerous factor to have had on the outside.

The wise heads look on the financial side of the problem. It wouldn't surprise the writer that if in a year or two there would be colored teams in many of the small leagues. It looks like the colored baseball players will get just a peep into that long looked for promised land. But a lot depends not only on the Leland Giants, but all colored clubs, for their knockers will be busy. The smallest detail will be laid before the commissioners.

When President Mosley and Manager Foster were approached on the subject, they would not talk about the matter. They said only that there might be some truth in it, but they were not at liberty to give out anything to the press for publication at present. That their time was all taken up in trying to see their way clear in sending the team south. Also that they are in doubt as to which direction the team would travel back home, as they had given their word to reputable business men of the South that should they ever send the team South they would play their towns. The situation is quite puzzling, as these towns are too far apart to make the trip a success, except New Orleans, which has been definitely set upon as the opener.

The State of Texas demands Foster, their native son, who would be a drawing card for any club, let alone the Leland Giants. On the other hand the cities along the Atlantic coast are just waiting for them. At this writing it is unsettled which the team will be. Foster has given this much information, that he has signed the regular line-up of fourteen men, but will carry along five young pitchers and two outfielders. The roster will be twenty-one men, the largest aggregation of colored baseball players in the world. Then he intends to leave some time early in March for the South. He says also that he will either mobilize in Jacksonville, Fla., or New New Orleans as the most of his players are in Cuba playing with the Cuban League, and won't need much training. He also adds that his greatest trouble will be in developing a young twirler, what he is most in need of for the coming season.

GILMORE WANTS MATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Harry Gilmore, Jr., manager of Packey McFarland, is here looking for a match for the Chicago lightweight. He is still hoping he will be able to induce Nelson to hook up with McFarland, but just at present is figuring on a February match before the Mission Athletic Club of San Francisco, with either Lew Powell or Johnny Murphy.

If you would keep abreast of the times then you should read The Freeman each week at six months, 85 cents; one year, $1.50.

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BUD FOWLER IS ILL AND IN WANT

Has Been Connected With More Ball Teams Than Any Other Person Living.

John Fowler, familarly known as "Bud" who was a member of the Binghamton team of the International Association, when that organization was part and parcel of the "big show," back in the seventies, and known as a colored baseball star throughout the country, is ill at the home of his sister at Frankfort, N. Y., and said to be in destitute circumstances. There is talk of a benefit for him. It had been supposed that he was a victim of consumption, but an X-ray examination reveals the fact that his sickness is the result of an injury reveived at Indianapolis seven years ago while sliding to second base. He collided with the base player's knee and two ribs were broken. He apparently recovered from the injury, but a growth has since formed that affected the kidneys. Physicians say that an operation will perhaps make the old boy well again.

Fowler was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1856, and learned to play ball on the old Coopertown Seminary campus. On these same grounds was situated the old Military School from 1835 to 1851, where General Abner Doubleday received his military training. "Bud" insists that the general drew the first baseball diamond in the dust and named the first game played upon it baseball, and that the national game, therefore, originated at Cooperstown, Otsego county, N. Y., and, furthermore, that he (Fowler) is the only professional—white or colored—who ever played upon that first diamond. General Doubleday afterward became famous by firing the first shot on Fort Sumter, which started the War of the Rebellion.

Fowler's first professional engagement was at Binghamton in 1873, and he continued playing professionally for twenty-eight years. For sixteen years he was a pitcher and for twelve years a second baseman, and he never wore a glove, taking everything that came his way with the bare hands. He was considered the equal of any man who ever covered the position. He was also a fairly good sticker and an excellent base runner.

Fowler has been conected in his time with the following teams: Pittsfield, Mass., South Admas, Moss., Bradford, Pa., Painsville, O., Niles, O., East Liberty, Pa., Stillwater, Minn., Keokuk, Iowa, Pueblo, Col., Greenville, Mich., Binghamton, N. Y., Crawfordsville, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Live Oaks of Lynn, Mass., Resolutes of Boston, Laconia, N. H., Montpelier, Vt., Maple Leafs of Guelph, Can., Los Angeles, Cal., San Bernardino, Cal., Sante Fe, N. M., Lincoln, Neb., Kearney, Neb., Lima, O., Adrian, Mich., Lansing, Mich., Watertown, Wis. He also played several winters in the South, at New Orleans, Mobile, Galveston, El Paso, Houston and Oxford, Miss. Nearly all these clubs were represented in different leagues under the national agreement.

In 1895 Fowler and Grant Johnson organized the famous Page Fence Giants of Adrian, Mich., and they toured the country in their own $20,000 private car for several seasons. In all the cities visited these colored ball tossers created a sensation by making a street parade in uniform and mounted on bicycles. This outfit constituted the champion colored team of the country for two seasons at least. They later located in Chicago and were known as the Columbia Giants.

The writer can recall at the present moment but seven colored players of prominence who have been conected with league clubs under national agreement, and they are: "Bud" Fowler, Sol White with Wheeling, Frank Grant with Buffalo, George Stovey and Fleet Walker with Newark, Grant Johnson with Peoria, Ill., and Jamestown, N. Y., and Higgins with Syracuse.

Fowler was popular everywhere and made many friends. He obtained his sobriquet of "Bud" from the fact that he invariably addressed everybody by that name.

WEEK.

MONDAY.

At Pittsburg—Young Corbett vs. Mull Bowser.

At Salem, Mass.—Kid Mercer vs. Young Dwyer.

TUESDAY.

At Boston—Owen Moran vs. Matty Baldwin.

WEDNESDAY.

At Circleville, O.—Opening of Circleville Boxing Club.

THURSDAY.

At New York City—Jim Driscoll vs. Leach Cross.

Near Cincinnati—Abe Attell vs. Ray Bronson.

FRIDAY.

At Laurence, Mass.—Young Kloby vs. Ed Murphy.

SATURDAY.

At Portland, Me.—Jim Hanlon vs. Jerry Miskill.

PHILADELPHIA BOUTS.

Monday—Washington Sporting Club—Unk Russell of Gray's Ferry and Young Loughrey of Manayunk. West End A. C.—Terry Fitzgerald and George Decker, both of Philadelphia.

Tuesday—Douglass A. C.—Willis Gibbs of Philadelphia and Young Britt of Baltimore.

Wednesday—Wayne A. C.—Charlie Harvey of Chicago and Harry Tracey of Philadelphia.

Thursday—Broadway A. C.—Phil McGovern of Brooklyn and Young Corbett of Philadelphia.

Friday—Nonpareil A. C.—Billy Herman, the comedian boxer of New York, and the best man that can be secured to meet him.

Saturday—Frankfort A. C.—Jerry Sullivan and Pal Moore, both of Philadelphia.

LANGFORD FIGHTS IN NEW YORK AND QUAKER CITY

Manager Woodman Has Received Passage Money for London—Can Langford Defeat Jack Johnson?

Special to The Freeman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Joe Woodman, Sam Langford's manager, said that his colored protege would box in New York and Philadelphia before embarking for London to fight Jack Johnson.

The National Sporting Club of London has cabled Woodman, the master of money matters for the colored demon, to start at once for his Picadilly street training quarters.

Along with the cablegram came $300 passage money.

England's premier sporting club definitely names May 24 as the date of the battle between the two blacks.

California sporting men freely confess they are afraid that Langford will win the world's championship. Like Joe Walcott, he is a giant killer. Although weighing only 165 pounds, he is a human gorilla. Getting under the guard of tall men like Johnson, he keeps jabbing away at their vitals until they drop from sheer exhaustion.

Another announcement is that Jimmy Walsh, the bantamweight champion, will box Digger Stanley as a semi-windup to the main event, May 24.

Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's astute manager, cables from Sydney, Australia, that Texas Jack either will make Jeffries fight or crawl in his hole. Fitz figures that on account of his free and fast living during six years of idleness that Jeff will be an easy mark for Johnson.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

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A class of seven adults were baptized at Bethel A. M. E. Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Widly Valentine gave a dinner for Presley Young and sister, Mrs. B. W. Brown.

Miss Maude Dabbs of Crawfordsville attended the Williams & Walker entertainment last week.

The Frau Frau Club was entertained yesterday at the home of Mrs. Gertie Brewer in Roosevelt avenue.

Rev. Levi Christy of Jacksonville, Ill., spent several days in the city the guest of his brother, W. W. Christy.

Mrs. H. C. Carr of Cincinnati and Mrs. Leroy Mitchell of Memphis, Tenn., are guests of Miss Henrietta Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pollock of Friendswood were among those who attended the Douglass memorial last Sunday.

Willis O. Tyler was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, in West Eleventh street, at 6 o'clock dinner last Sunday.

A union mothers' meeting has been called at the Metropolitan Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Sherman Boone, formerly foreman of THE FREEMAN composing rooms, is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Prof. James Williams of the Rushville public schools came to the city last Sunday to meet his old school friend, Willis O. Tyler.

Miss Lelia Rogan of the Metropolitan Baptist Church is arranging for a rally to be held March 28 to finish the interior of the church.

A young men's literary society meets each Wednesday evening at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Interesting subjects are discussed.

W. W. Heaton and family have moved to the city from Newcastle for permanent residence. They are residing at 111 South Ritter avenue.

Willis O. Tyler of Chicago was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perkins, 912 East Twentieth street, during his recent visit to the city.

Mrs. Belle Carey of Valpariso was in the city during the week upon business. She spent Sunday at Louisville with her niece, Mrs. F. S. Delaney.

A number of friends "surprised" Mrs. Jacob Porter last Thursday evening on account of her birthday. A number of handsome gifts were made by friends.

Mrs. Susan West left Thursday via Danville, Ill., for her home at Lawrence, Kan., after two months visit with her sister, Mrs. W. N. Curry, and other relaitves in this vicinity.

The Woman's Missionary Circle of the Metropolitan Baptist Church will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. McCallister in the Bleeker Flats, Vermont and Delaware.

Rev. Morris Lewis made an address at the Lincoln exercises at Robert Gould Shaw school last Friday. Patriotic songs and recitations by the pupils were also features of the occasion.

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George Turner, formerly of this city, has returned after an absence of ten years, and is ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Turner, 412 Muskingum street. He will be pleased to have his friends call.

The Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society met Wednesday with Mrs. Mary Elkins in Fayette street. The society is arranging to have an "evening with Paul Laurence Dunbar" at the home of Mrs. Mamie Gardner, 785 Center street, on the evening of March 17.

Mrs. Ella Maxie, sister of Alex Nichols and Harry Dunnington, died at her mother's residence in North street last Sunday night. The funeral services were held at Blackford Street Church Wednesday afternoon. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The deceased was 37 years of age.

Mrs. Cora B. Jackson, 333 Toledo street, and Princess of Western Star Temple No. 11, S. M. T., has received her commission from James G. Greene, State Grand Master of U. B. of F. S. M. T. and Juvenile lodges as State organizer of Temples and Royal Houses under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Lincoln's birthday was celebrated Friday evening, Feb. 12, by the Sixth Ward Republican Club at its rooms, 526 1-2 Indiana avenue. Lincoln's inaugural address was read by Frank Welch. "The Life and Character of Lincoln" was the subject of an address by W. D. Hedrick. A response was made by Rev. Cruse Duncan, commander of Martin R. Delaney Post, G. A. R. Refreshments were served. The club meets the first and second Tuesday evenings of each month.

ACCEPTS CHARGE AT ANDERSON.

Rev. C. W. McColl has accepted the unanimous call to the pulpit of the Second Baptist Church at Anderson, Ind. While he will live in Anderson, he will continue his office as president of the Colored Anti-Saloon League of America in this city and will make weekly visits to his office.

Y. M. C. A. ORCHESTRA NOTES.

The Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra, composed of eighteen young men, will give their second grand concert at Simpson Chapel Church, corner of West Eleventh and Missouri streets, Monday evening, Feb. 22. Great preparations are being made to excell all other events of the season. The program will be supported by some of the city's best talent. Among the prominent numbers of the program will be the overtures "Hungarian Lustspiel," Keler, Bela Op. 108, and "Raymond," A. Thomas, by the orchestra.

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In response to the invitation of Miss Henrietta Davis, a large company will play whist at Odd Fellows Hall, ladies exclusively, from 4 to 6, and from 7 to 10 both ladies and gentlemen. For both seasons handsome hand-painted china articles will be given as prizes. At night Mrs. H. C. Carr of Cincinnati will give dramatic readings; also there will be other attractive numbers by local talent. A luncheon will also be included for the price of admission. The proceeds will be given to the support of the new Colored Free Kindergarten.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Owing to the inspection of the new Y. M. C. A. building on Sunday afternoon, there will be no "Monster Meeting."

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The board of directors of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association invites all men and women to come and inspect the new Y. M. C. A. building, corner West New York and Illinois streets, as their guests on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 3 to 4 p. m. A platform meeting will be held in the assembly room of this building at 4 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Come and see one of the finest association buildings in the country.

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BAPTIST MINISTERS' ALLIANCE.

The Colored Baptist Ministers' Alliance held two interesting sessions at the Second Baptist Church, Irvington, Rev. J. D. Johnson, pastor. From 2 till 6 p. m. President K. Warren presided, and after the routine business Rev. C. W. McColl opened the "Open Parliament" on the discussion of the subject "Thorns and Thistles in the Garden of the Lord's Supper." The subject was discussed by the ministers for two hours.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. McColl conducted the Bible study on the subject of "Forgiveness," and at 8:30 p. m. Rev. Averett, State missionary, preached an acceptable sermon.

The Alliance will meet next Monday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Senate and Indiana avenue, Rev. Leroy Mitchell, pastor. The subject for morning discussion will be "Our Movable Meetings," and the evening subject for Bible study will be "Healing." The public is invited.

Y. C. W. P. A. NOTES.

The Y. C. W. P. A. Juniors, a club composed of high school girls, rendered a splendid Lincoln program in the club parlors Friday after they had been served a complimentary dinner given in their honor by Miss Walker, who met with them in a social way for the first time in a year. This is the youngest club in the association, but one of the strongest, and Miss Walker looks to them for the real beginning of the development of her work, especially in the literary and social departments.

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The first vesper service of the year will be held the last Sunday in this month at the association building, 635 Blake street. Miss Alice B. Graydon of the Juvenile Court will be the speaker, and music will be furnished by the Choral Club. Program begins at 3:30 sharp.

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Under the auspices of the Social Culture Club, Miss Ellen Dean, president, an inaugural literary and social evening will be held at the building March 4. Quite a few out-of-town guests are expected.

W. T. VERNON IN THE CITY.

W. T. Vernon, Registrar of the United States Treasury, was in the city for a short time last Monday. He was met at the Union Station by Mr. G. L. Knox. Mr. Vernon was en route to Washington, his home, after an extended tour of Oklahoma. Mr. Vernon spoke optimistically of conditions as he found them among the colored people of that section, and although he has traveled extensively over the United States, in his opinion, no section, he said, offers more promising inducements to colored settlers than are to be found in the new State of Oklahoma and the adjoining section of country.

Mr. Vernon will be remembered as having been active in the late presidential campaign, and his speech made in this city shortly before the election may be said to have contributed in no small degree to the support of President Taft by the much disrupted body of colored voters who had until recently been a political quantity on which the Republican party could safely depend. While this service to his party by Mr. Vernon was given, we believe, because of his innate fealty to the principles of the Republican party, of which he believed Mr. Taft would prove an able exponent, yet in view of these considerations, coupled with the very efficient service given the closing administration as Registrar of the Treasury, in our opinion, entitles him to more than a casual consideration of him being his own successor to the office he now holds, not only because of his experience in the affairs of the office which make of him a desirable candidate, but also as a fitting compensation for services rendered in behalf of Mr. Taft and the incoming administration.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL.

Despite the rain and general inclemency of the weather, a fair-sized audience attended the "Douglass" memorial exercises held under the auspices of the Colored Y. M. C. A. at Tomlinson Hall last Sunday. These exercises are held annually on the Sunday nearest the day believed by Mr. Douglass to have been the day of his birth, Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, although the exact date of his birth was not known to him.

Willis O. Tyler, an attorney of Chicago, a graduate of the Indiana State University, for which he won the honors in a State oratorical contest, and also a graduate of the Harvard law school, was the principal speaker. Major R. R. Jackson of Chicago, a major in the Eighth Illinois Regiment of colored United States Infantry and the Major-General of the Uniform Rank of Colored Pythians of America, was a guest of honor of the occasion. A batallion of the local Colored Uniform Rank occupied front seats on the platform with the speaker, the guest of honor and officers of the Y. M. C. A. Major Jackson was called upon for remarks and in a brief but effective manner portrayed the Negro's part in the advancement of the United States, which, he said, indicated that "The Negro had proved himself a quantity worth saving."

After brief remarks by G. L. Knox and Thomas E. Taylor on behalf of the association, Willis A. Kersey, president of the Y. M. C. A., introduced Mr. Tyler, who gave what is regarded as one of the most finished addresses yet delivered on the memorial occasions. Mr. Tyler followed the successive epochs in American history, showing in what degree they had contributed to the ultimate freedom of the slave through men like Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and others, coming down to the time of Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Owen P. Lovejoy, Charles Sumner and others of that epoch, among whom, he said, in proclaiming to the nation the wrongs he had suffered as a slave and in appealing for deliverance for an enslaved race, was Frederick Douglass. He quoted liberally from Mr. Douglass' speeches, which, he said, were unceasing until Abraham Lincoln was brought forth to answer his appeal by liberating four millions of his countrymen. He closed with an eloquent tribute to Lincoln, whose memory he pleaded with every Negro to revere.

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Anderson! That is where the well-liked "Phon" heard the bells—the dear wedding bells ring to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's serene content. Of course Mr. Wilson has heard bells ring for over twenty-nine years, but never so sweetly as they did on February 12 in Anderson, and it seems that Henry Rochelle, his "pal" and lifelong friend, never felt happier, just because Mr. Wilson was happy.

Monday night at William Robert's place at 440 Indiana avenue, a stag jollification of the best sort was tendered Mr. Wilson by a number of his best friends. Songs and other things were indulged in until a late hour. Mr. Roberts, as did all others, put forth every effort to make it an enjoyable evening for Mr. Wilson. Many toasts were made on behalf of a prosperous and happy future for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

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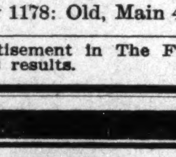

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